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MoDOT Prepares for Winter Weather, Are You Ready?

As fall winds down and we get ready to move into winter, MoDOT is taking every step to ensure we are ready for whatever type of winter we have.

You may notice our snow plows out for their dry run on November 1 and 2. This is a chance for our new and seasonal employees to get some hands on practice behind the wheel and learn their routes. Please make sure to give these trucks plenty of room just as you would during an actual snow storm.



As MoDOT preps for winter weather, you should be doing the same. Here are a few winter weather safety tips:

- Check road conditions before you leave by going to MoDOT's Traveler Information Map at www.modot.org. You can also download the app from the Apple or Android store onto your cell phone or tablet.
- Make sure your car is winterized with fresh antifreeze, a good battery, good tires and new windshield wipers.
- Equip your vehicle with an emergency kit that includes a flashlight, a first aid kit, a blanket, a small shovel and bottled water.

How Does MoDOT Decide What to Plow and When?

MoDOT adjusts its practices to deal differently with each storm, but we follow a priority list when it comes to what roads we plow first.

Roads with the highest traffic volumes are plowed first. These roads include interstates and other heavily traveled state routes, such as Route 364. Our crews will work continuously on these routes until they are mostly clear.

Lettered and lower volume numbered routes are then plowed to allow for two-way traffic. That would be roads like Route 94 or Route N.

Our goal is to return the highest traveled routes to mostly clear conditions as soon as possible after a storm ends. Once everything is cleared our crews will go back and clean up the snow on shoulders, bridge edges and interchanges.

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