



Six successful winter driving tips

Fall is upon us, and those quick trips around town could be a thing of the past. You need to plan ahead to get across town due to changes in weather and road conditions. These six simple tips can help you to stay safe on the roadway.

- 1. Warm up and clear off.** Before driving, remember to give your vehicle plenty of warming time. Frost removal is a time-consuming effort. Your entire front windshield needs to be clear, not just a basketball circle in front of your steering wheel. Snow from your windows, hood, and roof should be removed to provide a clear view from behind the wheel. Remember that snow is often too heavy for windshield wipers alone, and failure to clear your vehicle could result in low or no visibility as the snow shifts and blows during travel. Make sure that your vehicle's turn signals and lights are clear and visible.

Helpful Hint: Keep a soft bristle broom near your door to clear off the snow.

- 2. Plan ahead.** Be aware of alternate routes to and from your common destinations. Pullman has many hills and you might consider routes that help you to avoid steep inclines, and remember that you can't always rely on snowplows and sanders to reach the roads ahead of you.

Helpful Hint: City bus routes are often the first to be plowed and sanded. Check the transit map and take advantage of these groomed routes when possible.

- 3. Slow down and leave space.** You must change your driving habits based on road conditions. Braking quickly often results in a

loss of control, and can be avoided by slowing down and providing plenty of distance between vehicles. Winter drivers should always practice these safe habits, even when the roadways appear to be clear. Remember that while gravel helps to improve traction on snow and ice-covered roadways, it can have the opposite effect when roads are bare. Gravel tends to build up on the shoulder and centerline, around stop signs, and the bottom of hills.

Helpful Hint: Always give yourself plenty of travel time. It's best to err on the side of caution. Leaving early will help you to avoid feeling rushed.

- 4. Prepare for sudden changes.** Road conditions can change without warning. Keep in mind that a bare roadway can turn into snow or ice with the turn of a corner. Tree cover and low road use can cause some roads to be covered with snow and ice when others are clear. Also, freezing temperatures can create black ice in shaded or windy areas. Remember to avoid using your vehicle cruise control function during poor weather conditions, including rain. Your car does not know the conditions of the roadway and should not be trusted in times of variable conditions.

Helpful Hint: Keep an eye out for areas that are most likely to become hazardous due to shade or wind. Know where to use extra caution before it becomes necessary.

- 5. Be ready for an emergency.** Whether you are traveling across town or across the state, it is important to be ready in case of an

emergency. Make sure that your fuel tank never drops below half full. Keep a box or bag inside of your vehicle that contains a heavy coat, snow pants, gloves, hat, boots, and a blanket. Consider items that would be useful in case of an overnight emergency. Include a small shovel and sand or traction aids (such as tire chains). Non-perishable food and water should be included in your emergency kit.

Helpful Hint: Making an emergency kit inside of a plastic tote will help to keep your items clean, dry, and contained in case of a collision or disaster.

- 6. Give your vehicle a check-up.** Perhaps the most important thing that you can do to prepare for winter, a vehicle check-up is a must for safe, cold-weather driving. Check your tires for adequate tread and proper air pressure, ensure that your vehicle's coolant is sufficient for extreme temperatures, and make sure that your windshield wipers work properly and are fitted with well-working blades. Take advantage of local businesses that offer free pre-trip safety inspections.

2017 budget hearings set for the fall

Public hearings on the proposed 2017 city budget will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, Nov. 1 and Nov. 15 in the city council chambers as part of the regular city council meetings. Also on Nov. 1, the mayor will present his annual budget message. The final 2017 budget will be adopted at a regular city council meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 22. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend these informative meetings or to view them live on the city web site at www.pullman-wa.gov under City Council Video, Live Webcast.

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Thank you!

Special thanks to Pullman Parks and Recreation 8th Annual Care-To-Share Fun Run sponsors: Pickard Orthodontics; Coldwell Banker Tomlinson Associates; John Anderson; Pullman Radio; and City of Pullman Wellness Program.

Adult Basketball

It's time to start getting your team ready for another exciting year of city league basketball! Team registration will be accepted from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov 1 -11 at Pioneer Center. Individuals interested in having their names made available to team captains should contact Parks and Recreation at 338-3227. Games will be played at Sunnyside Elementary School Gym in Pullman and the Hamilton Indoor Recreation Center in Moscow. Expected dates of play are Sunday, Monday and Wednesday evenings Nov. 28 – Feb. 27. Team fee: \$525.

Warm the Hearts of Others

Homemade holiday gift giving has never been easier with this adult/parent and child activity! We've taken away the fuss and muss. All dry ingredients and supplies will be provided with recipes, instructions, gift tags, and decorative embellishments for your ready-to-give gift. Let's assemble three festive cookie mixes that can be enjoyed this holiday season. With 1-on-1 parent/guardian supervision, child must be able to follow directions. Class will be led by lead preschool teacher **Jean Druffel** from 4:30-5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 15. Fee: \$20.

Manners 101: Etiquette and Social Skills for Life

Youth will learn manners and skills appropriate to various social situations in this fast-paced and fun skill-building class, which includes a snack with full table settings. Everyone will have a blast and learn life skills at the same time. Youth ages 7-12 are welcome to register for this class to be held from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Nov. 19. *Fee: \$25.

Holiday Evergreen Wreath Decorating

Enjoy a festive holiday evening with the staff from Neill's Flowers and Gifts. Mitch will share his expertise on creating a fresh evergreen wreath with a wonderful assortment of beautiful, fresh-cut winter greens. Participants may want to bring a decoration from home to include in the fresh wreath or purchase something special from Mitch's holiday display tree collection. Please bring a pair of clippers and/or wire cutters. All other supplies will be provided. Class will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 6. *Fee: \$30.

**All registrants who live outside of Pullman city limits will be charged an additional \$2.*

For more information or to register, go to www.pullmanparksandrec.com or call Pullman Parks and Recreation at 338-3227.

Fall into Fun at Pullman Aquatics

Noteworthy November dates:

- Wed, Nov. 4, PAFC closes at 3 p.m.
- Thurs, Nov. 11, No Wibit (undergoing maintenance)
*Tube Time noon-3 p.m.
- Mon-Wed, Nov. 21-23, Tube Time from noon-3 p.m.
- Thurs-Fri, Nov. 24-25, PAFC closed
- Mon, Nov. 28, Session 3, Mon/Wed swim lessons 4-7 p.m.
- Tues, Nov. 29, Session 3 Tues/Thurs swim lessons 4-7 p.m.

Water Exercise (WEX) classes

Lap Pool WEX

- Mon/Wed/Fri, 9-10 a.m., instructor Nancy Abbott
- Tues/Thurs, 8-9 a.m., instructor Jennifer Gleason/Joy Blace

Warm Water WEX

- Mon/Wed/Fri, 10-11 a.m., instructor Joy Blace
- Mon/Wed/Fri, 11 a.m.-noon, instructor Andrea Plotner

*Tube Time is also offered from noon-3 p.m. every weekend throughout the school year.

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