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### Overview:

Every year our region is at risk for severe weather from winter storms that can cause power outages, road closures, transportation interruptions, and damage from downed trees and power lines. As we move into winter storm season ensure that your organization, staff, and clients are prepared for weather-related events. Winter weather can often



make travel in the region unpredictable.

### How your organization can prepare for winter:

- Ensure your driveway, parking lots, and sidewalks are clear snow for clients to access your facility.
- Create contingency planning for plowing your facility and surrounding roads. Seek out private contractors who will snow plow your walkways, parking lots and access roads.
- Encourage your staff and clients to identify snow routes home and to pick up public transit schedules that have snow route information.

### Getting Around When It Snows:

Many cities and King County have developed snow plans. The following information and links can help prepare your staff and clients for snow:

#### City of Seattle

This winter Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) will work with the Seattle Police Department, Seattle Fire Department, universities, hospitals and major employers to ensure that their snow fighting work maintains mobility for people and goods, and access to the region. SDOT has identified [snow and ice routes](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/winterweather.htm) by service level. (<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/winterweather.htm>)

#### Important Updates

- SDOT will be plowing snow to the right side of the road this winter.
- SDOT will also be performing [anti-icing measures](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/winter_plan.htm) when snow is predicted with 50% or greater certainty ([http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/winter\\_plan.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/winter_plan.htm))

### King County

The King County Road Services Division (RSD) as established [Snow and ice routes](http://www.kingcounty.gov/transportation/kcdot/Roads/RoadsMaintenance/SnowAndIcePlan.aspx) by the following designations: (<http://www.kingcounty.gov/transportation/kcdot/Roads/RoadsMaintenance/SnowAndIcePlan.aspx>)

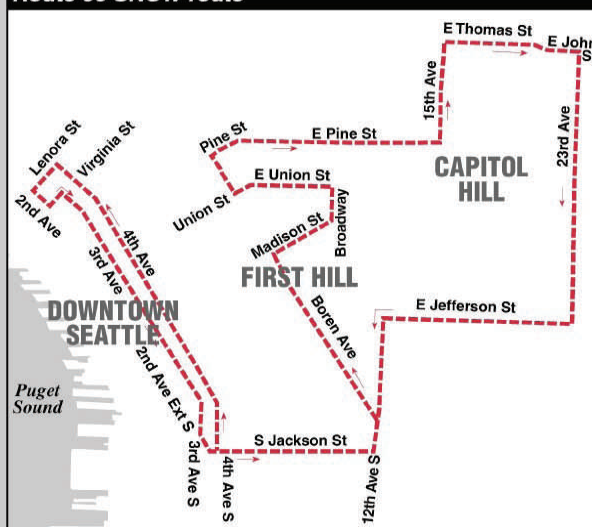
- Major arterials
- Metro Transit and school bus snow routes
- Emergency routes (i.e., hospital access routes)
- Access roads to freeway and Park and Ride lots

### Snow Route 90

Following the 2009 snow storms King County Metro created a new snow-only bus route, [Route 90](http://metro.kingcounty.gov/up/rrr/Snow/10-ADV-090_FirstHillShuttle.pdf), which will serve the First Hill area during snow storms. ([http://metro.kingcounty.gov/up/rrr/Snow/10-ADV-090\\_FirstHillShuttle.pdf](http://metro.kingcounty.gov/up/rrr/Snow/10-ADV-090_FirstHillShuttle.pdf))

Route 90 will provide three trips per hour and be activated only when snow routes are in effect and

#### Route 90 SNOW route



the Emergency Service Network is activated.

### Reminder: Public Health carbon monoxide information in numerous languages

Remind your clients never to burn charcoal inside homes, tents, campers, vans, trucks, garages, or mobile homes. Do not burn charcoal in the fire-place in your home. Public Health—Seattle & King County has materials on [carbon monoxide hazards](http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/preparedness/disaster/carbon-monoxide.aspx) for clients in numerous languages, please post these flyers in your organization. (<http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/preparedness/disaster/carbon-monoxide.aspx>)

### About this Bulletin:

Health & Medical Area Command at Public Health – Seattle & King County would like to share the following tips and information in preparation for severe winter weather events. We have issued similar bulletins on topics such as flood risks in the Green River Valley and influenza to outline key situational updates, planning activities and information specific to health, medical and mortuary response for our healthcare and community partners.

Up-to-date weather information and winter weather planning tools of Western Washington

[Take Winter By Storm](http://www.govlink.org/storm/)

(<http://www.govlink.org/storm/>)

Subscribe to Regional Public Information Network (RPIN) will email you the latest information and alerts as soon as news breaks

[Sign-up to Get Advance Warning](http://www.rpin.org/rpinweb/)

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### King County Metro Snow Planning:

- King County Metro has done great work to get ready for snow events. Check out:
  - Metro's [snow plans](http://metro.kingcounty.gov/up/rr/snow.html) (<http://metro.kingcounty.gov/up/rr/snow.html>)
  - Employee snow commute [checklist](http://metro.kingcounty.gov/cs/employer/pdf/commuter-checklist.pdf) (<http://metro.kingcounty.gov/cs/employer/pdf/commuter-checklist.pdf>)
  - Employer snow commute [checklist](http://metro.kingcounty.gov/cs/employer/pdf/) (<http://metro.kingcounty.gov/cs/employer/pdf/>)



[employer-checklist.pdf](#)

### Transportation Services Snow Alerts:

- [King County Metro](http://metro.kingcounty.gov/up/rr/adverseweather.html) (<http://metro.kingcounty.gov/up/rr/adverseweather.html>)
- [Sound Transit](http://www.soundtransit.org/Riding-Sound-Transit/Schedules-and-Facilities/Service-Interruptions.xml) will send out website alerts when snow falls. (<http://www.soundtransit.org/Riding-Sound-Transit/Schedules-and-Facilities/Service-Interruptions.xml>)
- [Community Transit](http://www.commtrans.org/News/RiderAlert.cfm?id=1194) (<http://www.commtrans.org/News/RiderAlert.cfm?id=1194>)
- [Pierce Transit](http://www.piercetransit.org/alerts/snow.htm) Snow rider alerts (<http://www.piercetransit.org/alerts/snow.htm>)
- [Kitsap County Transit](http://www.kitsaptransit.com/RiderAlerts.html) Rider Alerts (<http://www.kitsaptransit.com/RiderAlerts.html>)
- [Sounder Train](http://www.soundtransit.org/Riding-Sound-Transit/Schedules-and-Facilities/Souder-Commuter-Rail.xml) schedules (<http://www.soundtransit.org/Riding-Sound-Transit/Schedules-and-Facilities/Souder-Commuter-Rail.xml>)
- [Link Rail](http://www.soundtransit.org/Riding-Sound-Transit/Schedules-and-Facilities/Central-Link-Light-Rail.xml) schedules (<http://www.soundtransit.org/Riding-Sound-Transit/Schedules-and-Facilities/Central-Link-Light-Rail.xml>)

### City Snow Plans:

#### City of Auburn

[Snow Route Information](#)

([http://www.auburnwa.gov/emergency/disaster/snow\\_and\\_icy\\_roads.asp](http://www.auburnwa.gov/emergency/disaster/snow_and_icy_roads.asp))

#### City of Bellevue

During a snow storm, city crews work around the clock. Designated citywide and neighborhood priority routes are cleared first to accommodate fire, medical and police response, as well as transit, school buses and commuter traffic.

[Snow Route Information](#)

(<http://www.ci.bellevue.wa.us/snow-ice.htm>)

#### City of Burien

[Snow Route Information](#)

(<http://rentonwa.gov/living/default.aspx?id=332>)

#### City of Issaquah

[Snow Route Information](#)

(<http://www.ci.issaquah.wa.us/Page.asp?NavID=1361>)

#### City of Kent

[Snow Route Information](#)

(<http://www.ci.kent.wa.us/content.aspx?id=11016&terms=snow>)

#### City of Redmond

[Snow Route Information](#)

(<http://www.redmond.gov/disasterprep/wintersnowice.asp>)

#### City of Renton

[Snow Route Information](#)

(<http://rentonwa.gov/living/default.aspx?id=332>)

#### City of SeaTac

[Snow Route Information](#)

(<http://www.ci.seatac.wa.us/index.aspx?page=461>)

#### City of Shoreline

When it snows, City plows will concentrate their efforts on main roads primary routes first to accommodate fire, medical and police response, as well as Metro transit, school buses and commuter traffic.

[Snow Route Information](#)

(<http://www.cityofshoreline.com/index.aspx?page=198>)

#### City of Woodinville

[Snow Route Information](#)

(<http://www.ci.woodinville.wa.us/Live/Snow.asp>)

### FLARE:

The National Weather Service has created a [situation awareness software](#) tool that provides timely, pertinent weather information displaying varying types of weather data from current conditions to satellite and radar loops. The information is continuously updated for use on EOC displays and desktop computers. (<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/wrh/ssd/index-flare.html>)

Do you need to know if you're in the Green River potential inundation area?

[Look up your address](#)

(<http://www5.kingcounty.gov/dnrp/greenriver/>)