



## ODOT Tips

-  Keep at least **200 feet** between your vehicle and road clearing equipment.
-  **Do not pass** road clearing equipment.
-  **Wait for crews** to complete road clearing before approaching bridges and overpasses.
-  **Use caution** when entering or exiting highways.

## By The Numbers

-  ODOT crews stock approximately 220,000 tons of salt and sand
-  ODOT maintains 127 salt sheds and more than 550 trucks are available statewide
-  When snow and ice hits, nearly 1,000 ODOT crew members work in shifts around the clock until highways are cleared

### **Emergency Kit Equipment for the Trunk**

- Ice scraper or deicing spray
- Jumper cables
- Clay-based cat litter or sand
- Shovel
- Warm clothes
- Blankets
- High energy food
- Flashlights with extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Bright fabric tie for the antenna
- Gloves
- Paper towels
- Flares or triangles to warn other vehicles

### **Information provided by:**

Oklahoma Department of Transportation (405) 522-8000  
 Oklahoma Department of Public Safety (405) 425-2424  
 Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management (405) 521-2481  
 AAA Oklahoma (800) 222-4357  
 Oklahoma Turnpike Conditions (877) 403-7623



**ODOT Road Conditions**  
**844-4OK-HWYS (844-465-4997)**  
[www.okroads.org](http://www.okroads.org)

# Traveling During Winter Weather?



Snow and ice can make travel challenging. Knowing what to expect and planning ahead can make your trip safer and less stressful. If you absolutely have to travel during a winter storm, here are suggestions from multiple agencies that will help in planning your trip.



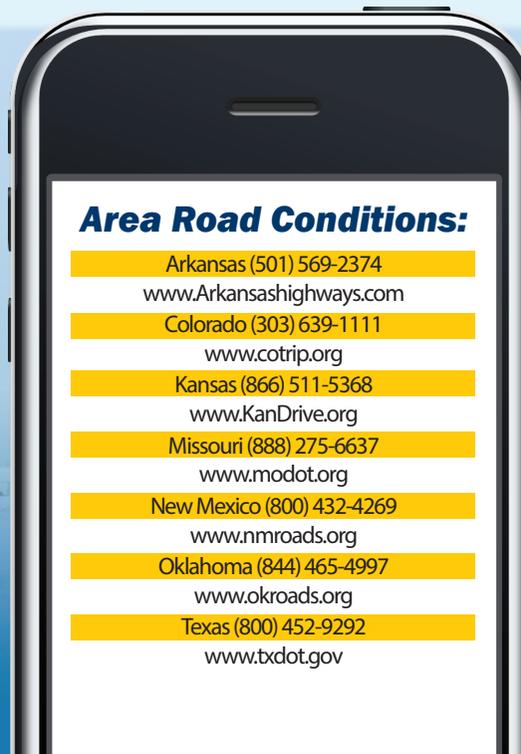


## Before you leave

- Check battery, tires, belts, hoses, windshield wipers, brakes and all fluid levels.
- Make sure your vehicle has plenty of fuel. A good rule of thumb is to keep your fuel tank at least half full.
- Get updates on weather-related road conditions and closures from the Oklahoma Department of Transportation at [www.odot.org](http://www.odot.org) or by calling 844-4OK-HWYS (844-465-4997).
- Notify a friend or family member of your planned route and when you expect to arrive.
- Keep your cell phone charged. (In case of emergency, you can reach the Oklahoma Highway Patrol by dialing \*55 or 911.)
- In your cell phone, include a number listed as ICE (In Case Of Emergency) so that if you are not able to, emergency personnel can call a person important to you.

## If you get stranded

- If you can still maneuver your vehicle, park clear of the travel lanes and downwind of exhaust fumes.
- If your vehicle is in contact with a power line, stay inside. Warn others not to touch the car or the power line. If you must leave, jump clear and roll away from the car to avoid touching the car and the ground at the same time.
- Call for help and wait until it arrives. Stay in your vehicle with your doors locked.
- Attach a brightly colored fabric tie to the antenna and turn on your flashers so emergency responders can see your vehicle.
- For heat, run the vehicle in short intervals to conserve fuel, being careful of exhaust fumes. Crack a window to vent any built-up carbon monoxide. (Check to make sure ice and snow haven't covered or clogged your tail pipe so dangerous fumes don't build up in your car.)



## Rules to live by:

- ✓ Allow ample time to reach your destination.
- ✓ Always wear your seat belt.
- ✓ Drive with your headlights on even during the day.
- ✓ Clear windows of snow and ice.
- ✓ Take it slow. If possible, limit travel during the storm.
- ✓ Remember that bridges and ramps will be the first to freeze.
- ✓ Be particularly aware of black ice.
- ✓ Drive in the right lane.
- ✓ While driving, make sure there are three to five car lengths between you and other vehicles.
- ✓ Snow and ice make stopping distances much longer.
- ✓ Anticipate the flow of traffic to avoid abrupt actions while steering.
- ✓ If your vehicle slides, steer the same direction you are sliding and take your foot off the gas and brake. Don't use cruise control while driving on slippery surfaces.



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