



Driveway snow can't go on the road

The state highway is not a good place to deposit snow from your driveway. In fact, it's against the law to deposit any object onto Oregon highways and highway right of way, including snow.

Placing driveway snow on the road or shoulder creates a hazard for other highway users and for ODOT's snowplow operators. Chunks of snow and ice form an uneven road surface that can surprise drivers and cause crashes.

When snowplows create berms of snow

at the end of driveways, ODOT asks property owners to help by shoveling that snow to the sides of their driveways, rather than back onto the road or shoulder.

If you shovel snow onto the roadway, you will be asked to clear it away. Or ODOT may remove the snow and bill you for the cost of doing so. In addition, you may be cited under Oregon law; violations are punishable as a misdemeanor under Oregon Revised Statute 374.990.



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A crash is no accident

Over 94 percent of all motor vehicle crashes are related to operator error. When it comes to impaired driving, there is no such thing as an "accident." These crashes are 100 percent preventable. The word "accident" by definition is an event that was unexpected or unintentional.

Allowing this perception to continue in the world of impaired driving removes the accountability for the choices we make as drivers and motorcycle riders.

Our decisions have consequences... for ourselves, our families and for every other person on the road. By calling a crash a crash, we are describing what it is, without motive and without blame – but also without the implication that a person who may be responsible simply had no control or intent to cause harm, when, in fact, their choices, decisions and actions were the direct cause. This holiday season and every day of the year, please celebrate responsibly.



Slick conditions and drivers not chaining up contributed to closing the freeway in early November. A crash is no accident.



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