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Tilbrooks Landscape Ltd Winter Driving Advice



Driving in Extreme & Adverse Weather

Tilbrooks Landscape operates throughout the year, including in snow and ice.

As we provide a 24 hour Gritting & Snow Clearance service, the chances are, you'll have to drive in snow & ice.

To help you, we've compiled this guide with information from the Highways Agency and the Health and Safety Exec.

The advice in this leaflet should be used as a guide and not to replace common sense. In addition, daily checks **MUST** be carried out and defects reported to you manager.

This leaflet is also available at www.tilbrooks.co.uk in our H&S Alerts section.

Our vehicles are stored in a locked barn overnight, however this is not heated so windcreens may be frozen. You **MUST** clear ALL ice off of the windscreen before leaving the yard, remember, if it's below freezing in the daytime, you may need to repeat this before leaving site.

Snow should be cleared from the windscreen, bonnet and the roofs of all vehicles. If snow falls off the vehicle onto the road you are at risk of prosecution of a £60 fine and 3 points on your license!

Driving in Snow & Ice.

It may not always be obviously icy, so care should be taken at all times.

All the vehicles will have had their anti-freeze checked to make sure it is strong enough but you must check other fluid levels. Washer tanks should be kept topped up with water and screen wash, screen wash is available from the workshop, if the taps are frozen then water can be obtained from the offices.

It's not always obvious that the roads are icy! If your tyres are making virtually no sound, then this is a good indication that you're driving on ice!

The main roads should all be gritted, but care should be taken at all times - Cherry Hill from Tuddenham to the A11/Worlington does not get gritted by the council so try to avoid this and other back roads in freezing conditions.

Driving Tips

Drive slowly, allowing extra time to slow down and stop and increase the gap between you and other vehicles. Remember – it can take ten times longer to stop in icy conditions than on a dry road.

- Use the highest gear possible to avoid wheel spin.
- When cornering approach the corner at a steady speed using as high a gear as you can and be gentle with the accelerator, don't use the clutch unless you absolutely have to and steer as smoothly as you can.

- To brake on ice and snow without locking your wheels get into a low gear earlier than normal, allow your speed to fall and use the brake pedal gently. **REMEMBER** – all but the most gentle braking will lock your wheels on packed snow and ice. If you do get into a skid, ease off the accelerator, but do not brake suddenly and turn into the skid, once you gain traction, slowly straighten up.

Remember, although a road may have been gritted, most grit doesn't work below minus 10! So care should always be taken.

Try and stick to main roads and make sure your mobile phone is fully charged each day.

Further Information

More information can be found at the following websites.

www.metoffice.gov.uk
www.theaa.com/motoring_advice
www.direct.gov.uk
www.highways.gov.uk
www.rospa.com
www.fleetriskcontrol.co.uk