

WINTER RESPONSIBILITIES OF DRIVERS AND RESIDENTS:

With wintertime here there are several things that we need to be mindful of to keep our City, homes and streets safe. Here are a few safety tips and City ordinance reminders to help keep you safe this winter.

DRIVING TIPS:

- Maintain a safe distance between you and the car ahead of you. If you are unable to stop and rear-end the vehicle in front of you, you are almost always at fault!
- Keep your vehicle at a safe speed relevant to the road conditions, which can quickly change in Michigan.
- Keep your windows, headlights and brake lights clear of snow and ice.
- Keep warm clothes, boots and blankets in the car in case of an emergency.
- If you are going on a long trip, make sure someone knows when you are leaving and when you are expected to arrive.
- Keep a cell phone in the car with you in case you need to call for help.

SNOW CONCERNS/ORDINANCES:

- Keep sidewalks clear of snow and ice that may impair travel.
- When 2 or more inches of snow falls, it must be removed from City sidewalks within 12 hours.
- If there is a fire hydrant in front of your house, keep it clear of snow for access.
- You may not shovel or blow snow onto the street or onto your neighbors' property, or in such a way that may obstruct traffic.
- All commercial snow plows working in Kentwood must be licensed by the City.
- No snowmobiles are allowed on the streets of Kentwood.
- Vehicles may not be parked on the City streets from 1:00 AM to 8:00 AM from November 15 to March 15, or at any other time when such parking could impair snow plowing operations.