



SHIFT BRIEFING



SNOW REMOVAL FROM VEHICLES BEST PRACTICES

It has been the law in New Jersey since October 2010 that drivers (not owners) must make reasonable efforts to remove accumulated ice and snow from a motor vehicle before operation. Failure to do so may result in fines from \$25.00 to \$75.00 for each offense.

If snow or ice is dislodged from a vehicle, fines can be \$200-\$1,000 for non-commercial vehicles and \$500 -\$1,500 for commercial vehicles. Municipal vehicles are not exempt.

Drivers are Reminded:

- Inspect your vehicle before beginning your shift. Make sure:
 - Wipers work and cleaner fluid reservoirs are full.
 - Defrosters work and vents are clear.
 - The tires have good treads and are properly inflated. Cold temperatures can result in loss of air pressure.
 - Headlights work (low AND high beams) and are properly aimed. Also, REMEMBER high beams in heavy snowfall can reflect at the driver, thereby REDUCING the vision of the road.
- Watch weather forecasts. Prepare for predicted snow by Fueling your vehicle.
 - Completely dry windshield. Cover with a beach towel or similar cloth and secure in place.
 - Consider adding weight, (sandbags, etc.) to increase traction.
 - Clear snow from the windshield and the remainder of the vehicle.

DESCRIBE YOUR AGENCY'S RESOURCES TO CLEAR SNOW FROM VEHICLES