

**With the winter weather right around the corner, the City of Portales would like every driver to be fully prepared for upcoming road conditions.**

For road conditions call 511 or go to <https://www.nmroads.com>

## **Cold Weather Driving Tips**

Make certain your tires are properly inflated and have plenty of tread.

Never warm up a vehicle in an enclosed area, such as a garage.

Do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface, such as on ice and snow.

Keep at least half a tank of fuel in your vehicle at all times.

## **Tips for Driving in the Snow**

Drive slowly. Always adjust your speed down to account for lower traction when driving on snow or ice.

Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Apply the gas slowly to regain traction and avoid skids. Don't try to get moving in a hurry and take time to slow down for a stoplight. Remember: It takes longer to slow down on icy roads.

Increase your following distance to five to six seconds. This increased margin of safety will provide the longer distance needed if you have to stop.

Know your brakes. Whether you have antilock brakes or not, keep the heel of your foot on the floor and use the ball of your foot to apply firm, steady pressure on the brake pedal.

Give yourself extra time to reach your destination.

