

Winter information

Please pass along this information (print it out if needed) to your renters, and family and friends that may use your place in the winter. The HOA does not maintain snow removal, the responsibility lies with the homeowners living in the subdivision.

Winter is coming fast! Now is the time to make sure you are prepared!

Be sure to stock your pantry with extra food, get firewood chopped if you use that for heat, top off propane tanks, load up on extra hay and food for your animals, and have your snowmobiles or snow machines serviced and ready to go....just in case the roads close from the snow mounting up throughout the winter!

A friendly reminder to all to please help all of us this winter by driving more in the center of the road. By driving on the crown of the road or bare gravel we can keep our roads open longer this winter.

By driving off to the side of the road in snow is creating ruts, and the wind drifts over the ruts and snow chunks and is making the snow deeper.

Some may think by driving in the snow off the side of the road is helping by packing the snow down, it may in some spots in the spring, but when its cold and the snow is not melting, it really seems to be making the snow deeper and causing more issues than it helps. When it does snow, please keep the snow that fell on your property. Do not plow the snow off your driveway across the roadway. This has caused issues in the past and may create even more drifting.

It is helpful to keep an eye on the weather forecast so that you can plan for when to park out by the entrance of Rocker 7 Road and ski/snowshoe/snowmobile in and out. None of us want to be stuck with our vehicles at our houses if the roads drift in!

A good rule of thumb when plowing in open areas like ours where the wind can blow the snow off the road is to be sure to plow to the "down wind" side. That way, the drifts and trails that may form will hopefully not build up on our roads. Also, plowing the snow bank as far off the road as possible and try not to make the snow bank too tall, this will give us more space to work with if the winter is a long one!

And.... plowing when the snow is not very deep is usually not necessary... the wind will probably take it away if its left untouched! Once it's plowed into a snowbank it will just grow and grow and grow.

"Leave it lay, it will blow away. Put it in a pile, it will be there awhile!"

If anyone is looking to purchase snow removal equipment, remember that plow trucks can only do so much. The snow banks that they create usually become solid masses that can't be moved by a plow as the winter goes on. Consider a skidsteer/ tractor with a snowblower attachment instead. We need other homeowners living out here year round to step up and purchase a snowblower to help out with the roads. I will be traveling quite a bit these coming winter seasons, so I won't be around as much to help out with the snow removal.

Lastly if your using a snowmobile, snow machine, UTV please drive off to the south and east side of the ditch. Driving snow machines on the road, packs the powder (snow) down, which makes it harder for the snowblower to get down under the snow to get to the gravel on the road.

Here's to an easy winter! TC