

WINTER OPERATION SAFETY CHECKLIST

Safety Preparation for Winter Operations

- ✓ Training for crews
- ✓ Dry runs (wet runs) – make notes
- ✓ Marking obstacles
- ✓ Trimming trees

Safety During Winter Operations

Crew Safety

- ✓ Adequate sleep/rest
- ✓ Personal protective equipment
- ✓ Multi-layered warm clothing
 - Hardhat with liner
 - Safety vest
 - Safety shoes
 - Boots
 - Gloves
- ✓ Emergency survival kit
 - First-aid kit
 - Flashlight with extra batteries
 - Ice scraper/snow brush
 - Jumper cables
 - Basic tool kit
 - Flares or reflectors
 - Flags (traffic control)
 - Shovel and traction material (sand)
 - Fire extinguisher – check pressure
 - Thermos and lunchbox (high protein snacks)

Material safety

- ✓ Material safety data sheets (MSDS)
- ✓ Emergency procedures

Vehicle and equipment safety

- ✓ Preventive maintenance
 - Daily checks
- ✓ Pre-trip inspection
 - Fluid levels
 - Tire tread and inflation
 - Brakes
 - Heater
 - Defroster
 - Windshield wipers
 - Clean windows and mirrors
 - Lights
 - Backup alarm
 - Warning signs on rear of truck
 - Radio Communications
 - Full fuel tank

Facility safety

- ✓ Good housekeeping
- ✓ Well lit facility

Operations safety

- ✓ Safety belt
- ✓ Defensive driving
- ✓ Obey traffic laws
- ✓ Do not speed
- ✓ Safe backing circle-of-safety
- ✓ Allow sufficient stopping distance
- ✓ Dumb be no higher than cab top when moving
- ✓ Block plow before changing blade
- ✓ Disconnect spreader before unclogging
- ✓ Be aware of fatigue