

BASIC SNOWPLOWING PRACTICES AND TIPS

The SNOWSPORT® Utility Plow is designed to make moving snow convenient and easy. By following these simple practices, snow removal can be safe and enjoyable.

Setting the blade straight forward is the most efficient way to move snow. Always keep current with fresh snowfall, it's easier to plow fresh snow. Wet snow can compact and freeze which requires chipping to break it loose before attempting to move it. From the start of the season, push the snow far enough out to allow for future snowfalls. Avoid overloading your equipment-push only enough snow with each pass to get the job done. To start a pass, accelerate slowly allowing for tire traction and blade to accumulate snow. As you come to the end of the pass, lift off the accelerator and start applying brakes as needed. Deep and/or compacted snow may require several passes.

- When stacking snow in piles, **SET BLADE STRAIGHT FORWARD--NOT ANGLED**
- When pushing snow up to piles- drive in straight on-not at an angle
- When pushing new snow to stack up against hardened piles, start a new pile first and then push it up on to hard pile
- Always know the terrain before plowing
- When transporting blade, secure it to retainer brackets with pins
- Do not exceed 65 MPH when transporting plow
- Do not exceed 10 MPH when plowing
- Always wear your seat belt-even when plowing snow
- Never plow with your head out of the window-an unexpected sudden stop could result in personal injury
- When backing up don't rely on rear view mirrors-turn around and look where you are going
- Never pile snow on someone else's property, on street or sidewalks, by fire hydrants, mailboxes, water drains or electrical boxes
- Check with local regulations before pushing snow
- Do not pile snow near handicapped or parking areas
- Plow snow during low traffic hours—be cautious of pedestrians, domestic animals and vehicles
- Never pile snow where it obstructs visibility of traffic
- Remember—always exercise safety, courtesy and common sense
- On 4WD select low range
- On manual transmission avoid riding clutch
- Watch engine heat gauge and avoid overheating
- Follow vehicle manufacturers specifications for snowplowing