

# Tips to help you survive winter in the Mackenzie District

- Know where your household's water toby is so you can turn off water if required
- Keep a snow shovel in an easy to access place - e.g coat cupboard or porch
- Keep a supply of salt to clear your paths
- If you know you have a fire hydrant outside your place feel free to expose it. You never know when the Fire Service are going to need access for emergencies
- Pipes can freeze in prolonged cold weather. Keep a water supply in an area where it will not freeze, and keep your jug full
- Check on your neighbours. They may require help clearing their accessway
- You might be without power for a while. Ensure you have an alternative source of cooking, heating and lighting - and a supply of board games and card games
- Once roads are open, drive to the conditions. It will be icy and narrow. Lower your speed so you don't need to heavily apply the brakes
- Access to the cleared road from the household accessway is the residents' responsibility.

## Clearing snow from roads



### Snow clearance from roads takes place in the following order:

1. Clear critical emergency services
2. Clear commercial areas and expose fire hydrants
3. Clear access to urban streets and schools including bus stops
4. Widen intersections
5. Urban streets cleared approximately one lane
6. Clear rural roads including intersections
7. Move back to urban area and widen streets and clear storm water drains and grates
8. Widen rural roads
9. Remove snow piles in commercial / critical care areas if forecast dictates snow will linger for a number of weeks

### The following roads within the Mackenzie District are administered by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (NZTA):

- State Highway 8, Cave to Twizel
- State Highway 79, Fairlie to Geraldine
- State Highway 80, Pukaki to Mount Cook

Their 24 hour contact line is 0800 444449 and highway website is [journeys.nzta.govt.nz](http://journeys.nzta.govt.nz)