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Public Works News Release

Being Winter Ready

Patches of early December snows still linger in Bishop and forecasts for the holidays call for storms. Now is a good time to think about preparing and dealing with winter weather in Bishop. The City of Bishop Department of Public Works reminds residents and visitors to be prepared for snow on city streets and sidewalks.

Use snow tires or chains on Bishop streets when they are required on Bishop-area highways. A good guideline to determine if snow tires or chains should be used on city streets is if Caltrans requires them on state highways in area. Snow tire and chain needs for streets and alleys west of Main Street should follow Caltrans requirements for West Line Street (Highway 168). Snow tire and chain needs for streets and alleys east of Main Street should follow Caltrans requirements for Main Street (Highway 395). Chain requirements for state highways are available from Caltrans including by dialing 511 from any phone. Since both Highway 168 and Highway 395 are long routes, care is needed to ensure the chain requirements for the portions of those highways in Bishop are noted.

Residents and businesses are also reminded to clear snow from public sidewalks at their homes and businesses, especially in areas that stay shaded from the low winter sun. If the snow is not cleared immediately, it can partially melt, then freeze and remain slippery for a long time. State law and city policy makes the maintenance of sidewalks, including snow removal, the responsibility of the adjacent property.

Please help keep Bishop as safe and convenient as possible when it snows. Use snow tires or chains as appropriate when driving on city streets and immediately clear snow from sidewalks at your home or business. Your assistance is appreciated.

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