

RESOURCES

Jefferson Healthcare Hospital
Port Townsend: 360-385-2200

Jefferson County Emergency Management
360-385-9368 bit.ly/jeffcoeoc
Email: JCDEM@co.jefferson.wa.us

Jefferson County Public Health
360-385-9400
<https://jeffersoncountypublichealth.org>

Jefferson County Radio Stations
KPTZ: 91.9FM KROH: 91.1FM

Rocket Transportation: 360-683-8087
Provides transportation from the Olympic
Peninsula to SEA Airport.

WA State Ferries: 1-888-808-7977

Hood Canal Bridge closure alerts
<https://wsdot.com/travel/real-time/hoodcanalbridgestatus>

Jefferson Transit—360-385-4777
<https://Jeffersontransit.com>

Jefferson County PUD
<https://www.facebook.com/JeffCoPUD/>
360-385-5800 <https://www.jeffpud.org>

JEFFERSON COUNTY 2024 WINTER WEATHER INFORMATION



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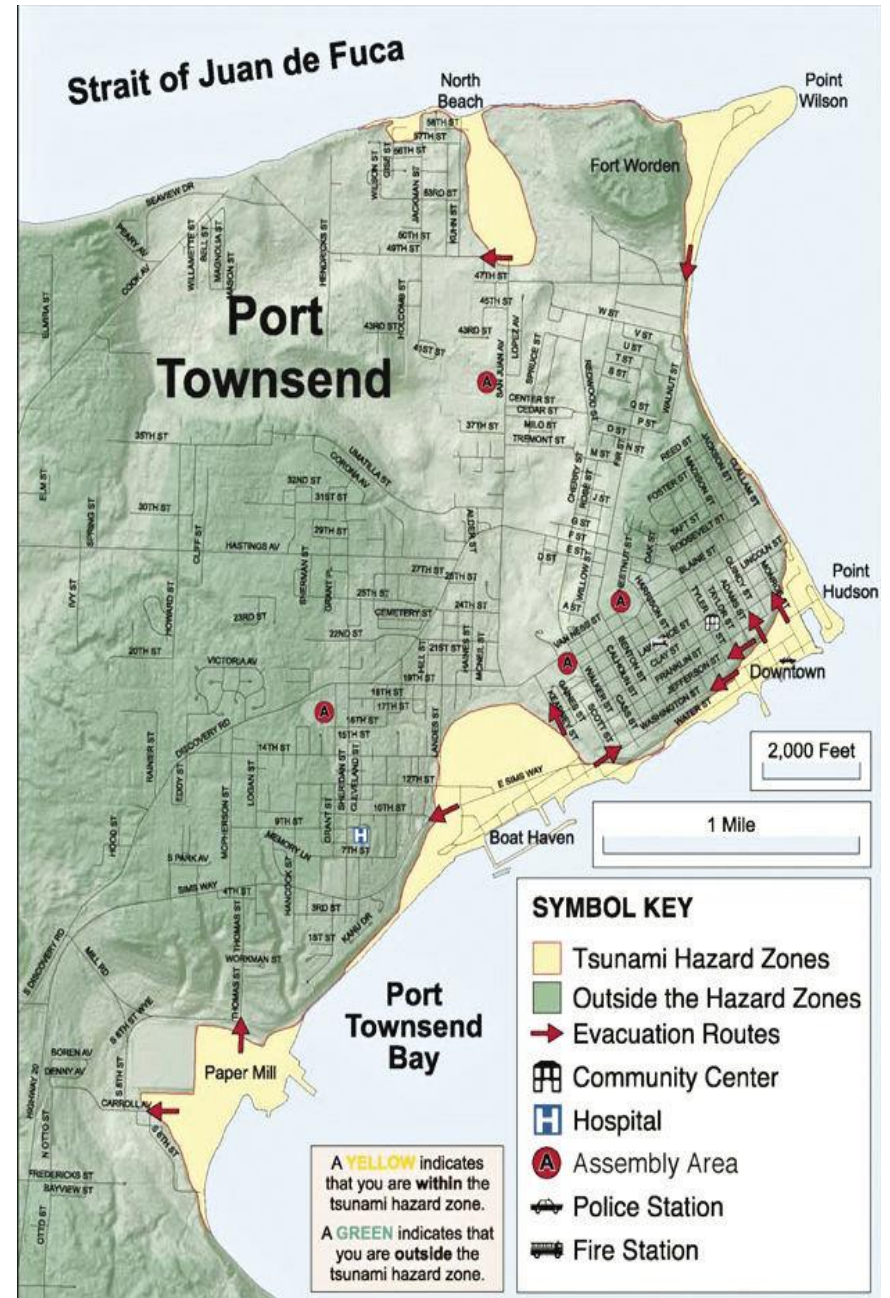


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**Public Works
Roads Maintenance Division**

Snow Plowing, Sanding and De-Icing

Webpage: <https://bit.ly/jeffcosnowandice>

Jefferson County’s Road Maintenance Division provides snow and ice control for all county roads using the following priority system:

Priority 1 – Major arterial routes

Priority 2 - Secondary and collector arterioles along with hillside residential areas

Priority 3 - Other rural access roads and residential streets

A liquid deicing solution and salt product along with sand may be applied to the more heavily traveled roads. The spreading of salt does not stop for passing traffic. It may take days before all county roads are cleared.

- If a road has not been cleared, call the Public Works Department at 360-385-0890 or email: roads@co.jefferson.wa.us OR go to <https://bit.ly/jeffcoroadproblemreport>.

Calling 9-1-1 or the non-emergency number-3360-344-9779 is for emergency and urgent road hazards ONLY, not to ask for a road to be cleared.



Washington State Dept. of Transportation

Bridges, Ferries, State Roads

- For information about the status of the Hood Canal Bridge go to: wsdot.com/travel/real-time/hoodcanalbridgestatus.
- To check on the status of a ferry boat, go to: wsdot.wa.gov/travel/washington-state-ferries.

If you have questions about your travel route, call **206-464-6400** to get information about sailing times and vessels and terminals that will best accommodate your needs. WSDOT’s priority plow routes:

<https://wsdot.wa.gov/travel/operations-services/snow-and-ice-plan>

**Winterizing Tips
from
Jefferson County Fire Departments**



- Remove garden hoses and cover faucets with a foam hose bib
- If you have a wood-burning stove, have the chimney/flue cleaned regularly.
- Install new furnace filters.
- In the event of a power outage, use flashlights not candles as alternate lighting sources.
- If you have a generator, have a supply of extra fuel. DO NOT run a generator from inside your garage. Place the generator in your driveway.
- Have extra batteries for your flashlights and battery-operated radios.
- If you use a space heater, keep it three feet from any flammable items. Unplug it when you go to bed at night or leave your house.
- Smoke alarms have a life expectancy of approximately 10 years. When you install a new smoke alarm, write the date on it. If you need help installing the batteries or replacing the alarm, contact the fire department in your community.
- Check Carbon Monoxide detectors by pressing and holding the test button on the front of the alarm until the alarm sounds. It could take up to 20 seconds for the alarm to respond to the test.

Jefferson County Fire Departments

East Jefferson Fire Rescue: www.ejfr.org

Quilcene Fire Rescue: <https://quilcenefirerescue.org>

Brinnon Fire Department: <https://brinnonfire.org>

Discovery Bay Volunteer Fire & Rescue: <http://www.dbvfr.org>



Jefferson County
Sheriff's Office

Some tips from the Sheriff's Office to make your commute safer during winter weather:

- **Limit your driving during winter conditions.**
- **Increase your following distance**—Icy conditions on the roadway increase your stopping distance making it important to increase your following distance on wet or icy roadways.
- **The Speed Limit**—is intended for driving during ideal roadway conditions. Often times, all-wheel drive or 4x4 vehicles attempt to travel too fast on wet or icy roads resulting in collisions.
- **Snow on your car** should be cleaned off before driving. Large chunks of snow or ice become projectiles as they come off your car and could impact other motorists and pedestrians.
- **Turn on your headlights** to increase your visibility to other motorists.
- **Take your time**—allow for extra time to get where you need to go.
- **Braking**—during wet or icy conditions it's important that you slowly apply your brakes to avoid skidding and losing control of your vehicle.

WHEN TO CALL 9-1-1

If you are questioning yourself about calling 9-1-1,
DIAL THE NUMBER IMMEDIATELY.

The dispatcher will ask you a series of questions to determine the type of help you need.

- Know your location.
- Know the phone number you are calling from.
- Provide details about the emergency.

Be prepared to follow any instructions the operator gives you. **DO NOT** hang up until the operator tells you to.

DO NOT call 9-1-1 to report a power outage. Call PUD at 360-385-5800. To report smoke from a burning garbage pile, call 360-344-9779, Ext. 0

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JEFFERSON COUNTY
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
bit.ly/jeffcoec

Certain situations require sheltering in place. Being prepared before the need to Shelter-in-Place will make a difference for your level of comfort.

Plan ahead to make sure you have enough food, water and any medications you may need. Don't forget your pets!

Things you can do now to get prepared for emergencies:

- When you do your regular grocery shopping, pick up one extra item (a can of soup or canned chicken or tuna). Check the "best by" date on the can or package.
- Watch for "2 for 1" items when shopping and use coupons. Select items that meet your health needs. Get items you can heat on a camp stove.

For more preparedness tips, see the **THINK, PLAN, DO** booklet at: www.bit.ly/thinkplando

- Sign up for the Public Safety Text Messaging Service **NIXLE** by texting JEFFCODEM to 888777 or go to bit.ly/jeffcoec and click on the cell phone. Messages are available via text and/or email. Be sure to respond to the confirmation message you will receive from 888777 after you sign up. There is no charge for this service.

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**Jefferson County
Public Utility District**

If you see a line on the ground, stay at least 50 feet away.

Objects touching a utility line, whether in the air or a downed line, can easily carry enough voltage to kill! Never touch an object in contact with a power line! If you see anything touching a power line, please call (360) 385-5800 right away.

For the latest outage information, please visit www.jeffpud.org. Outage information is also available on the PUD Facebook and Nextdoor social channels. Local radio stations, such as KPTZ (91.9 FM) can also provide emergency management updates.

Turn off large appliances, such as your homes water heater and furnace, at the circuit breaker. This reduces cold load pick-up issues on the local grid when power is restored and helps reduce the chance of a secondary outage. Leave one light on in the home to know when service has been restored.

If you are using a generator during an outage, NEVER plug the generator directly into a wall outlet. Generator power can back feed the grid and be deadly for line crew! Operate a generator outdoors only and use a professionally installed transfer switch or connect appliance directly to the generator. Learn more at: jeffpud.org/safety/generator-safety

Keep freezer and refrigerator doors closed—open them only when necessary. Food will usually stay frozen for 36-48 hours in a fully loaded freezer if you keep the door closed. A half-full freezer will generally keep food frozen for 24 hours.

Do not use a gas range or oven for room heating. Call Jefferson PUD at **360-385-5800** to report a power outage.

Jefferson County School Districts



**Port Townsend
School District**

<https://bit.ly/ptschoolswinterweather>

For more information call the Transportation Dept. 360-302-5812



**Quilcene School
District**

Winter weather and Snow Route info:
<https://bit.ly/quilceneschoolswinterweather>



**Brinnon School
District**

School closure and Bus delay information:
<https://bit.ly/brinnonschoolswinterweather>



**Chimacum School
District**

Facebook.com/ChimacumSchools/

**School closures or delays will be reported on KING TV 5,
KIRO TV 7 and KOMO TV 4**



Port Townsend
Police Department

Winter Driving Tips:

Stock your vehicle with the supplies you need to drive safely and stay warm in an emergency during winter.

Items to include:

- Snow shovel and ice scraper
- Kitty Litter in case your vehicle gets stuck in the snow
- Flashlight
- Jumper cables
- Flares
- Cell phone charger
- Food and water
- Dress warmly and keep a blanket in your car

IN CASE YOUR VEHICLE BREAKS DOWN:

- Stay in your vehicle
- Place bright markers on the antenna or windows
- Keep the interior dome light turned on
- Do not run your car for long periods of time while the windows are rolled up.

OUT OF AREA CONTACT PERSON
 WHY? Local phone systems may be shut down in a disaster. However, you frequently can place a long-distance call.
 www.emd.wa.gov
 Name (print): _____
 Phone number (with area code): _____
 Cell phone number (with area code): _____
 TIP: You may be able to text message all your loved ones on your cell phone. Keep these messages short.

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Public Works
Department

- The goal of the City of Port Townsend’s Snow Removal Policy is to provide a safe and accessible transportation system during inclement weather and winter storm events.
- In order to provide for efficient and effective snow removal and sanding operations, the City of Port Townsend has established a snow removal priority system.
- Roadways are plowed and sanded on a priority basis as follows: Priority 1, arterial, Priority 2, collector/school routes, and Priority 3 local streets.
- Washington State Department of Transportation is responsible for snow removal and maintenance on State Hwy. 20 outside the city limits to the ferry terminal.

For more information, go to: <https://bit.ly/cityofptsnowremoval>

A Snow Route map can be found at:

<https://bit.ly/cityofptsnowplow>



Jefferson Transit

When road conditions are snowy or icy, it is common for Jefferson Transit to operate using snow routes. Always check rider alerts for buses that may be on a deviation route. **A rider alert will be posted on our website each weekday by 5:30AM and on weekends by 8:00AM, indicating which routes will be deviated.** If conditions are not safe, certain runs may be cancelled.

- Jefferson Transit Inclement Weather webpage: <https://bit.ly/jeffersontransitweather>

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