

Columbia County Public Transportation  
Policy Manual  
507 Cameron Street, Dayton, WA 99328

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SUBJECT: **Inclement Weather**

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### **High winds**

If a High Wind warning is in effect, and sustained wind speeds are expected to be 35 mph or higher, CCPT will monitor weather conditions in the surrounding service communities by communicating with local authorities. If there are reports of numerous high profile vehicle accidents, downed trees and or power lines caused by high winds, serious consideration will be given to suspending operations. Dispatch will contact those passengers who have already been transported away from their homes and discuss their options for returning. Those options may include but are not limited to, returning home in a POV or delayed bus service. Special consideration will be given to those who are on life sustaining medical trips. If management determines that a location is inaccessible or may pose a significant danger if traveled to, those needing a pick-up in these areas will need to go to a specific location in order to ride the bus. Those who need to be dropped off in these areas will be dropped off in an area as close as possible to the location. Operators on the road will keep dispatch informed of weather conditions and hazard areas and dispatch will pass these reports onto the CCPT management. When possible, Dispatch will also keep our scheduled riders informed of our operating schedule. Management will determine when personnel and vehicles can return to a normal operating schedule.

If vehicles have sustained any damage from wind or wind blown debris, it should be inspected and documented as soon as possible.

### **Flood Procedures**

Depending on the location and severity of the flooding, operations may be limited or suspended all together. CCPT vehicles will not travel on flooded or closed roads unless it's for emergency evacuations and when working under the direct supervision and guidance from the Columbia County Sheriff's Office or the Columbia County Office of Emergency Management. CCPT vehicles will not travel on any roads that present a clear and present danger to employees or the public. When possible, Dispatch will keep our scheduled riders informed of our operating schedule.

In case of flash flood warnings, drivers on the road must avoid known flood areas. Never attempt to cross roads or bridges that are flooded. If your vehicle stalls because of high water, it is generally safer to stay in the vehicle and call for emergency help rather than try to walk through fast flowing water.

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CCPT vehicles that are parked in areas that could flood must be moved to high ground if possible.

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### **Snow Emergencies**

Every effort will be made to provide service during snowy weather. CCPT management will determine if operations should be suspended or limited. This determination will be based on current road conditions and the expected forecast. Dispatch will contact those passengers who have already been transported away from their homes and discuss their options for returning. Those options may include but are not limited to, returning home in a POV or delayed bus service. Special consideration will be given to those who are on life sustaining medical trips. If management determines that a location is inaccessible or may pose a significant danger if traveled to, those needing a pick-up in these areas will need to go to a specific location in order to ride the bus. Those who need to be dropped off in these areas will be dropped off in an area as close as possible to the location.

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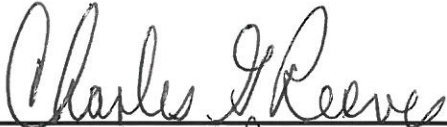
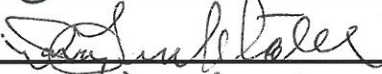



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