



# Snow Removal Laws

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State	Law	Citations
Alabama	No specific laws.	Citations may be issued if snow or ice accumulation obscures vision.
Alaska	<p>Special regulations applies to all vehicles: Public Safety Part 1 Division of Alaska State Troopers Chapter 04 Motor Vehicle and Driving Offenses: Vehicle Equipment and Inspection Article 4 Brakes and Other Equipment 13 AAC 04.225. Windshields and wipers:</p> <p>(b) No person may drive a motor vehicle with a sign, poster or other nontransparent material on the front windshield or window of the vehicle which obstructs, obscures, or impairs the driver's view; nor may a person drive a motor vehicle when there is an accumulation of snow, ice or frost on the windshield or windows which obstructs, obscures or impairs the driver's view.</p> <p>(c) The windshield on a motor vehicle must be equipped with devices for cleaning rain, snow and other moisture from both sides of the windshield; the device must be constructed to be controlled or operated by the driver of the vehicle, and must be maintained in good working order.</p> <p>(d) A motor vehicle required to have a windshield, except vehicles which do not have enclosed passenger compartments, must be equipped with a defrosting device to remove snow, ice, frost, or internal moisture from the windshield; this defrosting device must be maintained in good working order.</p>	If cited \$50.00/0 Points
Arizona	None	None
Arkansas	No specific laws	No additional tolerance or allowance for snow/ice when weighing trucks.
California	None	None
Colorado	No specific laws. Excess snow may produce a high alert, which would preclude a truck entering Eisenhower Tunnel.	None reported.
Connecticut	Section 1. (a) The operator of any motor vehicle, as defined in section 14-1 of the general statutes, shall remove any accumulated ice or snow from	Any operator who fails to remove accumulated ice or snow that poses such a threat shall be fined

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	<p data-bbox="369 180 1314 321">such motor vehicle, including the hood, trunk and roof of such motor vehicle, so that any ice or snow accumulated on such vehicle does not pose a threat to persons or property while the vehicle is being operated on any street or highway of this state.</p> <p data-bbox="369 363 1314 683">(b) If the operator of a noncommercial motor vehicle violates the provisions of this section and snow or ice is dislodged from such vehicle and causes personal injury or property damage, the operator shall be fined not less than two hundred dollars but not more than one thousand dollars for each offense. If the operator of a commercial motor vehicle violates the provisions of this section and snow or ice is dislodged from such vehicle and causes personal injury or property damage, the operator shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars but not more than twelve hundred fifty dollars for each offense.</p> <p data-bbox="369 725 1276 867">(c) This section shall not apply to (1) any operator of a motor vehicle during a period of snow, sleet or freezing rain if such period began and continued during the period of the motor vehicle's operation, or (2) any operator of a motor vehicle during the time such vehicle is parked.</p>	<p data-bbox="1352 180 1614 207">seventy-five dollars.</p>

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roof could be cited by an officer's discretion and cited under a general regulation.



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New Mexico	None	None
New York	State legislation pending. <a href="https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2015/a3687">https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2015/a3687</a>	None
North Carolina	No specific law	Snow/ice falling would be accident if there is property damage.
North Dakota	No specific laws.	There is requirement that snow/ice accumulation that causes the vehicle to be overweight must be removed immediately.
Ohio	No specific laws. Law enforcement would use state laws applicable to all motor vehicles. Ohio Turnpike will deny use until snow is removed.	No additional tolerance or allowance for snow/ice when weighing trucks. Ice falling producing an accident would be charged as insecure load.
Oklahoma	None	None
Oregon	No specific laws, "Rules of the Road" would apply if there is an accident.	Driver given an opportunity to remove snow/ice accumulation if overweight.
Pennsylvania	3720 (motor vehicle code Title 75): When snow or ice is dislodged or falls from a moving vehicle and strikes another vehicle or pedestrian causing death or serious bodily injury as defined in section 3742 (relating to accidents involving death or serious bodily injury), the operator of the vehicle from which the snow or ice is dislodged or falls shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$ 200.00 and not more than \$1,000.00 for each offense.  <a href="#">State Legislation pending</a> . Senate Bill 94 would allow law enforcement officers to stop truckers if they feel snow or ice accumulated on the trucks	

