WINTER OPERATION SAFETY CHECKLIST

Safety Preparation for Winter Operations

✔ Training for crews
✔ Dry runs (wet runs) – make notes
✔ Marking obstacles
✔ Trimming trees

Safety During Winter Operations

Crew Safety

✔ Adequate sleep/rest
✔ Personal protective equipment
✔ Multi-layered warm clothing
  o Hardhat with liner
  o Safety vest
  o Safety shoes
  o Boots
  o Gloves
✔ Emergency survival kit
  o First-aid kit
  o Flashlight with extra batteries
  o Ice scraper/snow brush
  o Jumper cables
  o Basic tool kit
  o Flares or reflectors
  o Flags (traffic control)
  o Shovel and traction material (sand)
  o Fire extinguisher – check pressure
  o Thermos and lunchbox (high protein snacks)

Vehicle and equipment safety

✔ Preventive maintenance
  o Daily checks
✔ Pre-trip inspection
  o Fluid levels
  o Tire tread and inflation
  o Brakes
  o Heater
  o Defroster
  o Windshield wipers
  o Clean windows and mirrors
  o Lights
  o Backup alarm
  o Warning signs on rear of truck
  o Radio Communications
  o Full fuel tank

Facility safety

✔ Good housekeeping
✔ Well lit facility

Operations safety

✔ Safety belt
✔ Defensive driving
✔ Obey traffic laws
✔ Do not speed
✔ Safe backing circle-of-safety
✔ Allow sufficient stopping distance
✔ Dumb be no higher than cab top when moving
✔ Block plow before changing blade
✔ Disconnect spreader before unclogging
✔ Be aware of fatigue

Material safety

✔ Material safety data sheets (MSDS)
✔ Emergency procedures