

FLASHING GREEN MEANS YOU'RE APPROACHING A SNOWPLOW AND YOU SHOULD SLOW DOWN



Know your lights.

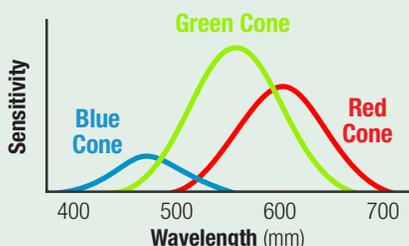
Police cars have blue lights. Emergency vehicles have red. But you'll see something different on our new plow trucks this winter: flashing green warning lights in addition to amber lights.

There's more to flashing green lights than meets the eye.

When poor visibility makes driving more hazardous, flashing or oscillating green lights will alert motorists to drive with caution when approaching snowplows.

- Green is more visible to the eye so it stands out better during both snowstorms and in bright sunlight.
- Flashing green lights are now permitted on MTA, MaineDOT, and municipal vehicles, including snowplows.

You'll see green faster and have more time to reduce your speed.



In the eye's retina, photoreceptor cells called cones allow us to perceive colors, and green is their strong suit. The human eye can distinguish more shades of green than any other color.

- Drivers will be able to identify these lights from farther away, especially during heavy snowstorms.
- Better visibility means safer roads for snowplow operators and motorists.
- Arrow boards on the backs of these new trucks are larger than before.
- Some lights on the backs of our new trucks are also equipped with a defroster to help keep them clear of clinging snow and ice.
- The Turnpike's new trucks replace 17 that average 15 years of service with thousands of miles of winter plowing.

Also new: Echelon plowing through narrow construction zones.

Unlike most of the Turnpike where snowplows can spread out to let others move by, they must plow side by side in the Portland area of I-95 and the York toll plaza construction zone. For your safety, please do not pass the plows.

The MTA has 77 plow trucks in total and in the future will retrofit some of the existing fleet with the new lighting package. The MaineDOT will be adding green lights to their plows on I-295, as well.



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