



Adverse winter weather conditions present a unique challenge to providing prompt and efficient rail service. It also poses significant safety concerns for Conrail's employees. Since safety is our number one priority, your assistance in complying with the following recommendations will help ensure safe and timely deliveries during the winter months:

- Keep the switch points, roads, and access gates clear of snow and ice so that the switch can be operated safely.
- Keep the switch stand and the immediate area clear of snow and ice so that your employees and ours can safely get to your switch and operate it. In addition, please clean any walkway areas the crew may need to access your facility or cars during service.
- Keep tracks needed to access your cars or car spots clear of snowdrifts. Pay particular attention to ice buildup on rails or water run off close to buildings
- Keep ice buildup in the flange ways of your crossings clear for safe movement of railcars or locomotive. This is particularly critical with asphalt or dirt crossings.
- Keep snow pilings during removal efforts from building too high around crossings and corners of buildings. This will allow maximum visibility of any moving equipment by your employees and ours.
- Keep all vehicles, company and private, clear of all tracks to avoid accidents during switching.
- Make sure close clearance signs are free of snow and clearly visible for our switching crew.

These are just a few things that can help each of us during these winter months. Below are examples of improperly and properly cleaned out switches:

Improperly cleaned out switch:



Properly Cleaned out switch:

