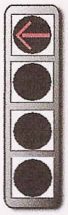
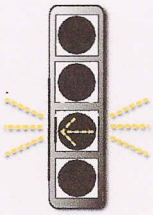


Steady Red Arrow

If turning left, you must stop and wait

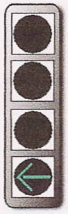
Steady Yellow Arrow

Prepare to stop



Flashing Yellow Arrow

Proceed with left turn after yielding to any oncoming traffic and pedestrians



Steady Green Arrow

Proceed with left turn

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Flashing Yellow...

Left-Turn Arrow Signals are Here

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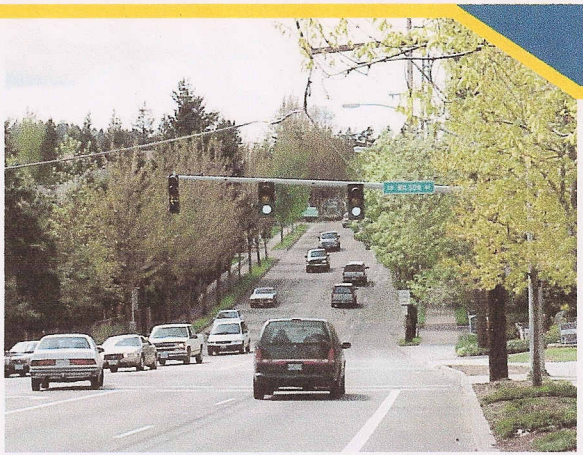
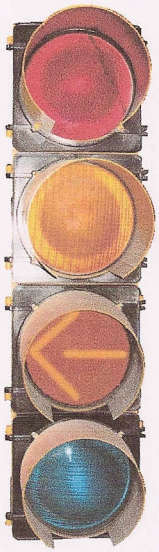


Flashing Yellow Arrow

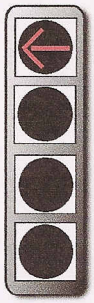
The New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) is one of the leading states to implement a new flashing yellow arrow left-turn signal light at intersections where, in the past, circular green signal lights were used. Both types of signal lights direct motorists to turn left after yielding to oncoming traffic.

A national study demonstrated that drivers made fewer mistakes with the new flashing yellow arrow signals than with traditional green-ball signals. The new signals provide traffic engineers with more options to handle variable traffic volumes.



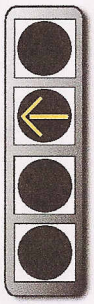
The green arrow provides a protected left turn from oncoming traffic while the flashing yellow arrow indicates left-turning traffic must first yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians before turning. The steady yellow arrow and steady red arrow work the same as they always have.

Drivers will see one of the following lights as they approach an intersection with a Flashing Yellow Left-Turn Arrow display:



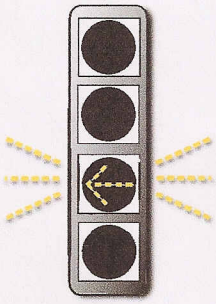
Steady Red Arrow

Drivers turning left must stop and wait.



Steady Yellow Arrow

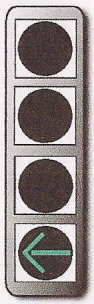
Drivers are warned the left-turn signal is about to turn red. Do not enter the intersection if you can stop safely. Vehicles in the intersection should complete their turn.



Flashing Yellow Arrow

(Formerly Circular Green)

Drivers are allowed to turn left after yielding to oncoming traffic and pedestrians. (Oncoming traffic has a green light.) Drivers must determine if there is an adequate gap before turning!



Steady Green Arrow

Drivers making a left turn have the right-of-way. This sequence may be skipped if no left-turning vehicles are detected by the signal system.