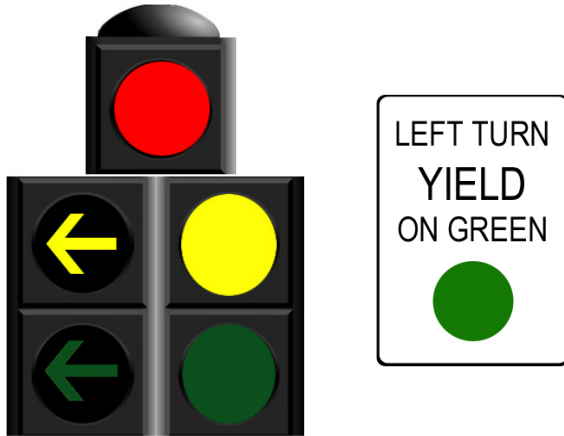


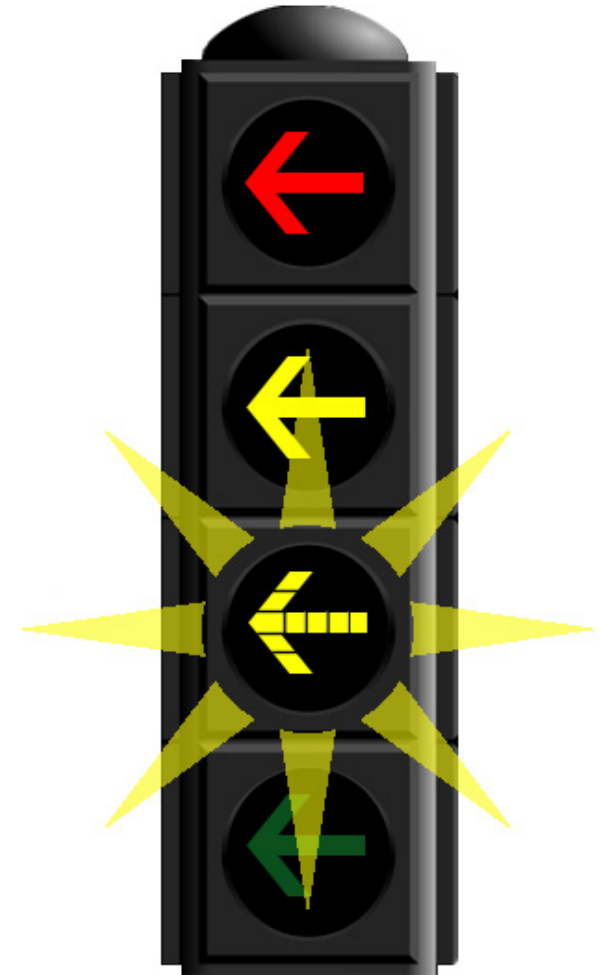
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Drivers equate red, yellow and green with very specific actions: red=stop, yellow=prepare to stop, green=go. When the green circle is illuminated on a traditional left-turn signal like the one shown above, this signals to drivers that a left-turn is permissible *when safe to do so*. However, studies have shown that many drivers just see “GO”. The Chesapeake Public Works Traffic Engineering Division will be replacing the traditional left-turn, “yield-on-green” signals, with the new flashing yellow left-turn arrow signals at some intersections throughout the City in an effort to provide safer and more efficient travel.

Flashing Yellow Arrows



What you need to know about the *new* flashing yellow left-turn arrows.

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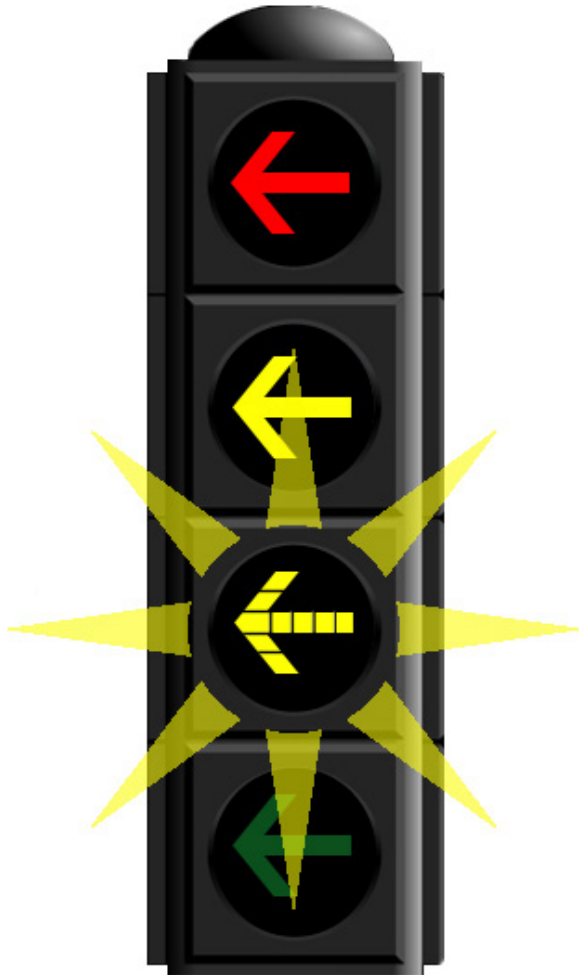
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Flashing Yellow Arrows: What You Need to Know

The City of Chesapeake is implementing a new traffic signal to provide a safer, more efficient left turn for motorists. The flashing yellow arrow left-turn signal will replace the circular green signal for left turns at selected signalized intersections.

NEW Left-Turn Signals

The new left-turn signals will look similar to the one shown below.



STEADY RED ARROW

Drivers turning left must stop and wait.

STEADY YELLOW ARROW

The left-turn signal is about to turn red. Do not enter the intersection if you can stop safely. Complete your left turn if you are already within the intersection.

FLASHING YELLOW ARROW

Yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians and then turn left when safe to do so. Oncoming traffic has a green light.

STEADY GREEN ARROW

Drivers can proceed with the left turn. Oncoming traffic has a red light and must stop.

Why the Change?

Safety

A national study showed that drivers had fewer crashes when using the flashing yellow arrow left-turn signal than with the traditional circle green left-turn signal because drivers perceive any green signal to mean GO.

Less Delay for Motorists

Motorists have more opportunities to turn left with the flashing yellow left-turn arrow.

Flexibility

The flashing yellow left-turn arrow gives the Traffic Engineering Division more flexibility to handle variable traffic volumes throughout the day.

