

In Summary



Steady Red Arrow =
Drivers turning left must stop
and wait



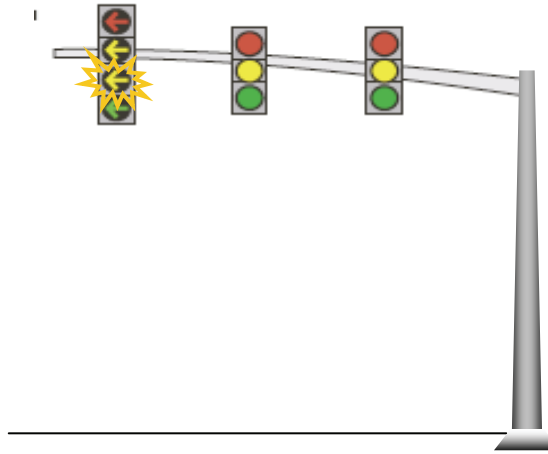
Steady Yellow Arrow =
Stop if you can do so safely



Flashing Yellow Arrow =
Proceed with left turn after
yielding to oncoming traffic
and pedestrians (Oncoming
traffic has a green light!)



Steady Green Arrow =
Proceed with left turn



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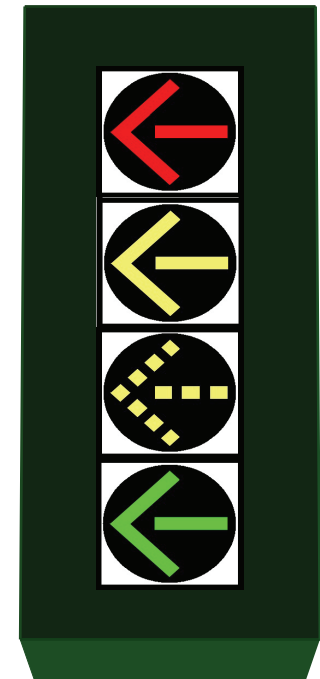
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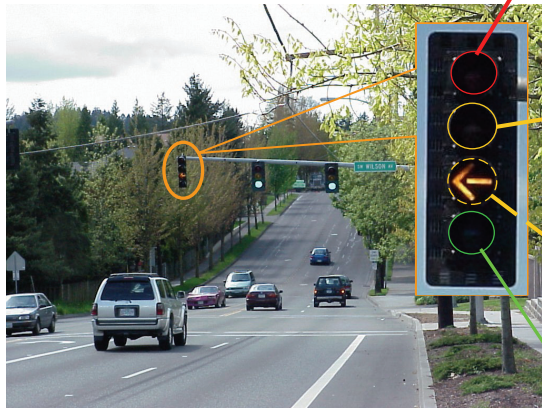
Left-Turn Arrow



Signals Are Here!

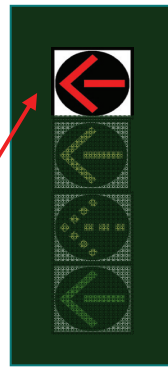


The Colorado Department of Transportation and several other jurisdictions are among some of the first in the United States to implement a new flashing yellow arrow left-turn signal light at intersections where, in the past, circular green signal lights were used. Both types of signal lights direct motorists to turn left after yielding to oncoming traffic.

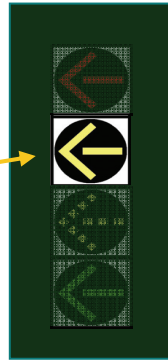


The green arrow provides a protected left turn from oncoming traffic while the flashing yellow arrow indicates left-turning traffic must first yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians before turning. The steady yellow arrow and steady red arrow work the same as they always have.

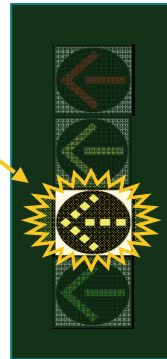
Drivers will see one of the following indications as they approach a signal with a Flashing Yellow Left-Turn Arrow display:



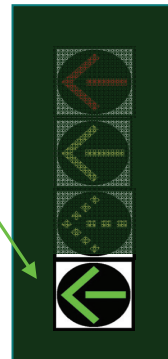
Steady Red Arrow – Drivers turning left must stop and wait



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 – 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.