

When leaves begin to fall . . .

- refill antifreeze
- check your brakes
- replace wiper blades
- check your battery
- refill washer fluid

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Winter Driving Tips





Be Prepared!

- before you leave, check the forecast and let someone know your route of travel
- keep your gas tank at least half full to prevent gas line freezing
- tires: chains provide the most traction followed by studded tires (Legal Oct. 1st through May 1st) and regular snow tires
- carry a winter survival kit which should include: blankets, flashlight and extra batteries, a brightly colored cloth, sand (or a bag of cat litter), shovel, candle and matches, non-perishable high calorie foods (nuts, raisins, and candy bars), newspapers (for insulation), a first aid kit and jumper cables.

If you should become stranded:

Don't leave your car - it's the best protection you have!



Tie a brightly colored cloth to your antenna.

Roll down a window a small amount.

Keep the exhaust pipe free of blockage to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.



Leave the dome light on at night to aid search parties.

Don't panic - an idling car uses only one gallon of gas per hour.

For Indiana Road Conditions:
1-317-232-8298
(December 1st through April 1st)

Outside Indianapolis
1-800-261-7623

Drive According to . . . Road Conditions

- allow extra time to get where you're going
- clear all windows of ice and snow
- remove snow from hood, roof and lights
- slow steady starts prevent needless spinning of the wheels
- pavement is twice as slippery at 32° as it is at 0°
- beware of bridges, underpasses, overpasses, shaded areas and intersections where ice is slow to melt
- SLOW DOWN - it increases traction
- avoid abrupt stops and starts - slow down gradually and keep wheels turning to avoid getting stuck
- use low beam headlights to decrease glare from ice
- wet pavement can cause hydroplaning at speeds as low as 35 mph - wheels may lose contact with the pavement causing a skid or spin

Drive Defensively!



- wear your safety belt at all times
- don't tailgate -- always leave a safety cushion of at least two car lengths per 10 mph you're traveling
- when braking on ice apply gentle but firm pressure without locking brakes
- watch for pedestrians - poor visibility and slippery conditions provide hazardous walkways and crossings
- anticipate others' actions
- to regain control during a skid, release brakes and gently steer the car in the direction of skid



Please Remember . . .

Adding weight to the back of your vehicle may alter its handling capabilities.

Don't decrease tire pressure to increase traction. The only thing this increases is wear on the tires!