

Don't Let Spring Driving Get Rained Out!

April showers" can be delightful, but skidding off the road into "May flowers" is never a good time. These tips will help prepare you and your car for safe driving in wet spring weather.

See what's coming. Top up your washer fluid and check your wiper blades. Replace them if they feel pitted or rough to the touch. Ice or small pebbles on the windshield may have damaged them during the winter.

Check your tires. Make sure your tires are in good condition and properly inflated. Worn treads and low tire pressure can increase the risk of your vehicle hydroplaning on wet roads.

Flash your headlights. Check both low and high beams before heading out to see if all of the bulbs are working. If it's raining, use your low beam headlights. High beams reflect water vapor (fog) and make it harder to see.

Check the brakes. Make sure your brakes are responsive by tapping them lightly.

Slow down. The road is most slippery when the first raindrops make contact with oil and grime on the pavement. To avoid hydroplaning, try to drive in the tracks of the vehicle in front of you.

Allow extra following distance. A car needs two to ten times more distance to stop on a wet road than on dry pavement. Try to stay at least two car lengths behind the car in front of you.

Skirt the potholes. Freezing and thawing all winter creates new and exciting holes in the pavement. Hitting a pothole can throw the front of your vehicle out of alignment, making it difficult to stop properly in wet conditions. Make sure you have the alignment and balance of your vehicle checked regularly.

Watch out for pedestrians. With hoods or umbrellas up in the rain and fog, pedestrians may not see you coming and may be more difficult for you to see.

Ice? Still? Thawing snow, spring rains or mist can cause icy conditions in early spring, especially in shaded areas, on bridges and on overpasses. Remember that these areas freeze first and keep an eye out for ice.

Follow these tips and you'll be singing — not skidding — in the rain.

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