



Driving on Wet & Rainy Roads

SPEED, DISTANCE & BRAKING

- Slow down! It takes longer to stop or adjust your car when on wet roads.
- Leave plenty of space between you and the car in front-it takes longer to stop.
- Always brake gently before entering a curve, especially in wet or ice conditions.
- After you drive through a water puddle, test your brakes by applying slowly and pumping.
- Avoid slamming on brakes when roads are wet.



WHEN DRIVING

- Be alert when driving in wet or slippery conditions. Watch out for brake lights in front of you.
- Turn your lights on even in a light rain, so vehicles behind you can see you better.
- Drive in the middle lanes - water tends to pool in the outside lanes.
- Approach intersections slowly, as these are often filled with oil spots on the road.

HYDROPLANING & SKIDDING

- **Hydroplaning:** When your steering becomes loose and your vehicle begins to move from side to side (not in a skid), remember:

1. Ease off the gas - until steering returns to normal
2. Hold steering wheel firmly - steering straight ahead

Never:

- Apply your brakes
- Turn steering wheel



- **Skidding:** If your car skids, remain calm, ease foot off the gas and carefully steer in the direction you want the front of the car to go. Do not apply the brakes until you are in control.

VARYING WEATHER CONDITIONS

- When rain is light or visibility is unclear on your windshield, use your wiper fluid for cleaning.
- Foggy windows: Rain can quickly cause windows to fog up inside your car. Use your defroster with cool air. If all else fails, a rag or article of clothing will work as well.
- Heavy rain conditions: Sudden heavy rain can quickly reduce visibility. If this occurs pull over with your emergency flashers on and wait for the rain to ease up.

NEVER

- Never drive through moving or rushing water if you cannot see the ground through it.
- Never follow large trucks or busses too closely, as too much spray reduces visibility.
- Never drive over a flooded road, as the road might be washed out under the water. If the water is deeper than the bottom of your doors do not drive through it.



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