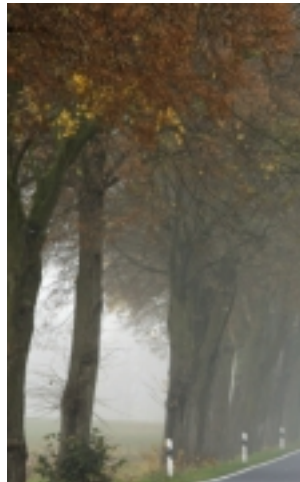


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- Turn your headlights on anytime you need to turn your windshield wipers on -



in rain, fog, sleet, freezing rain or snow. It will help your visibility - and also help other drivers see you.

- If driving a white car during snow fall or after the snow has fallen, your car may be camouflaged by the snow. So turn on your headlights and make it easier for other drivers to see you.
- In winter, keep an ice scraper with a brush in your car in case it snows or sleets. Also check that you have wiper fluid/de-icer in your car.
- Double or triple the space you normally leave between you and the next car in wet wheather. You'll need even more space to stop (up to ten times as much space) on slick roads.
- Brake gently
- Make sure your exhaust tail pipe is clear if you've had to dig your car out of snow or ice or if you've backed into a snow bank. If your tail pipe is blocked you could get sick or die from carbon monoxide poisoning.
- When driving on slippery surfaces like ice or snow use gentle pressure on the accelerator pedal when starting. If your wheels start to spin, let up on the accelerator until traction returns.
- Check if the windshield washer works - you may need it in snow and sleet.
- Watch out for severe weather warnings before you drive. If a strong storm comes on while you're on the road



and it's raining too hard to see, try to find a safe place to pull over until the worst of the rain is over.

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- Listen to radio traffic reports and adjust your travel plans accordingly.
- Keep windows and windshield clear. Make sure that the wipers are working.
- Leave a window open a little bit to keep the windshield from fogging up and to give you some fresh air.
- Watch for danger spots ahead. Bridges and overpasses may freeze before the roads do.
- When starting out in bad weather, test your brakes to see how far it takes you to stop.
- If you are stuck in ice or snow, try putting your floor mats under the edge of the tires to give them traction.

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