Safe Winter Driving



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Annual Winter Maintenance Inspection

- Battery
- Electrical System
- Cooling system
- Windshield washer/wipers
- Gastank
- Engine oil

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- Heater/defroster
- Braking system
- Tire condition...don't forget the spare





Equip Your Vehicle With Winter Supplies

- Snowbrush and scraper
- Small shovel
- Booster cables
- Traction aids a bag of sand, salt
- Candle and matches
- Flares



Equip Your Vehicle With Winter Supplies

- Screwdriver
- Pliers
- Flashlight and emergency light
- Wheel wrench and car jack
- Lock de-icer
- CALL POLICE sign

Winter Maintenance Standard

Highway Class	Winter Volumes (vpd) Southern Ontario
Class 1	>10,000
Class 2	2,000 - 10,000
Class 3	1,000 - 2,000
Class 4	500 – 1,000
Class 5	<500

Winter Maintenance Standard

Class	Highway Condition
1	Bare pavement within 8 hrs following end of winter event
2	Bare pavement within 16 hrs following end of winter event
3	Bare pavement within 24 hrs following end of winter event
4	Centre Bare within 24 hrs following end of winter event and full bare pavement when conditions permit
5	Snow packed within 24 hrs following end of winter event

Driver's Checklist

- Plan on extra time for winter travel
- Delay your trip in severe weather
- Tell someone where you are going
- Get plenty of rest and proper nutrition
- Always carry your cell phone
- Check road and weather conditions

Ontario Road Conditions

Call 511 from a land line or cell phone or visit:

www.ontario.ca/511

Winter Survival Kit

- Blanket
- Winter boots and jacket
- Extra clothing
- High energy food
 - -Granola bars
 - -Chocolate bars
 - -Nuts
 - -Raisins
- First aid kit



Stranded In A Storm

Stranded in a Winter Storm

- Stay calm!
- Set out flares and activate the emergency flashers
- Remain in your vehicle
- Attach the CALL POLICE sign
- Run the engine sparingly
- Keep the air in your vehicle fresh
- Use the candle and matches
- Call 911 don't walk for help

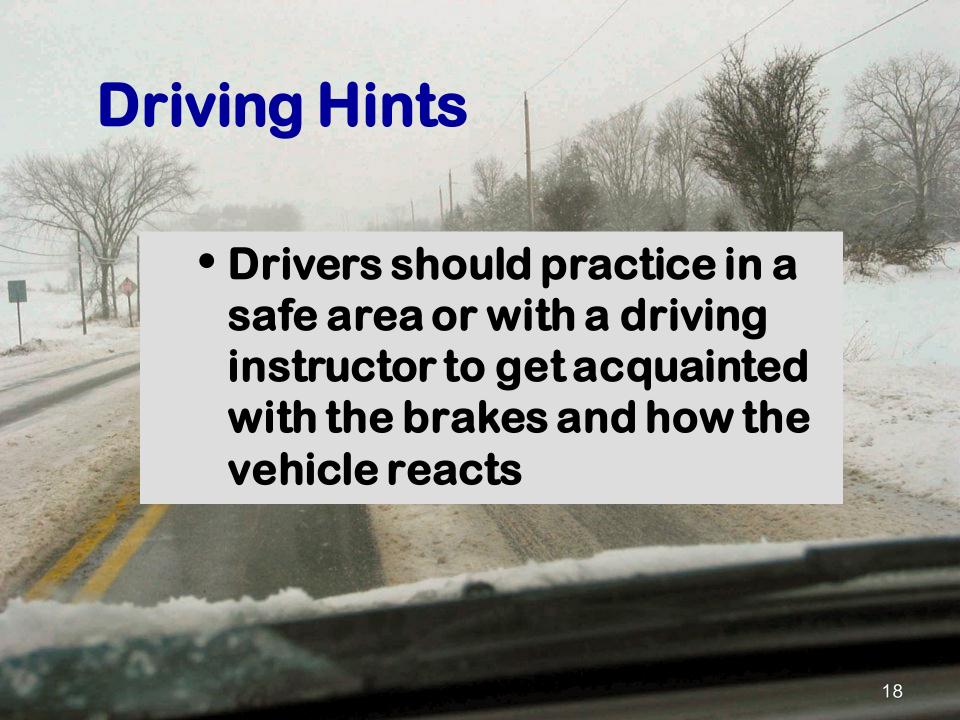


Safe Driving Practices

- Clean off your vehicle
 - windshield, rear window, side windows, all lights and mirrors, hood, trunk and roof
- Clean headlights frequently when road conditions are slushy
- Be aware of potential hazards
 - -bridges and overpasses
 - -hills and curves
- Always wear your seatbelt!

Safe Driving Practices

- Adjust your driving to weather and road conditions
- Avoid tailgating
- Slow down! especially for the flashing blue light
- Do not attempt to pass a working snow plough
- Pay attention
- Avoid sudden driving maneuvers









More Information

Ministry of Transportation ontario.ca/transportation 1-800-387-3445 or 416-235-2999

Canadian Automobile Association caa.ca/indexm.asp 1-800-268-3750

> **Canada Safety Council** canadasafetycouncil.org 613-739-1535



