

Safe Winter Driving



Ontario

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Annual Winter Maintenance Inspection

- **Battery**
- **Electrical System**
- **Cooling system**
- **Windshield washer/wipers**
- **Gas tank**
- **Engine oil**

Annual Winter Maintenance Inspection

- **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**



Get The Snow Off The Roof

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**

Driving Hints

A photograph of a snowy road with trees and utility poles in the background. The road has yellow double lines and a snowbank on the right. The sky is overcast and the trees are bare.

- **Drivers should practice in a safe area or with a driving instructor to get acquainted with the brakes and how the vehicle reacts**



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You'll Need More Than A Scraper

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



Road Safety

**It starts
with you**