



AUTUMN DRIVING



Did you know?

- Autumn can often bring new challenging driving conditions with temperatures dropping, nights drawing in and leaves falling creating slippery road surfaces.
- Driving can be difficult with the lack of clear visibility from low sun and fog. When driving in fog, set your headlights to low beam.
- Allow yourself plenty of room to stop in an emergency. Keep a greater distance from the car in front.

Reduce speed when driving on a road covered with leaves, especially when driving around corners.

Autumn brings increased rain fall. Check the condition of windscreen wipers and replace so they are effective in clearing the windscreen.

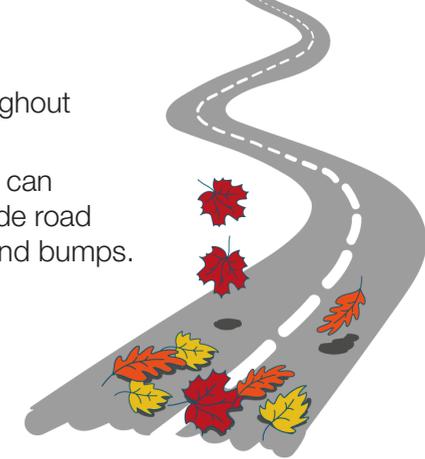
Collisions increase by 10% in the first two weeks following the time going back by an hour in late October.

In wet weather it can take almost four times the distance to stop in an emergency.



Check bulbs and lights every few weeks throughout the year, but especially as Autumn starts.

Falling leaves create road hazards. Wet leaves can be as slippery as ice. Fallen leaves can also hide road markings and obscure hazards like potholes and bumps.



- Check all lights are kept clean.
- Glare when the sun's low in the sky is more likely to be a problem at this time of year. Use the visor and wear sunglasses to minimise the sun's glare.
- There will be more demand on your vehicle battery as temperatures cool. We suggest you replace the battery before waiting for it to fail.
- Early morning frost creates icy patches on shaded areas of the road and across bridges, so reduce speed.

Autumn driving hazards to be aware of

- See and be seen – do not leave it too late to turn lights on.
- Check that tyres, brakes, wipers, heater and demisters are all in working order.
- Use the demister and windscreen wipers to clear your windows of frost or ice before setting out on a journey.
- Look out for animals crossing the road, especially deer.

