

FALL DRIVING TIPS

Autumn can be a beautiful time of year, but changing seasons can also create hazardous driving conditions.

Watch for back-toschool traffic

Be aware of the increased number of cars, buses and pedestrians, especially in the morning and afternoon as children walk to and from school and their neighborhood bus stops.

Adjust your eyes to the time of day

The first 15-45 minutes after sunrise and before sunset can produce sun glare. Keep your windshield clean and have sunglasses ready to improve visibility. If driving after dark give your eyes 2-5 minutes to adjust before heading out.

Don't brake on leaves

Wet leaves can be as slippery as ice so drive slowly and avoid hard braking. Leaves may obscure lane lines and other road markers, so pay attention to the edge of the road and take care to stay in your lane.

Use caution when driving in rain

With increased rainfall, roads may be more slippery than usual. Maintain a safe distance from the car in front of you. If foggy, use your low beams or fog lights, but never high beams.

Watch for wildlife

Deer and other animals are most active during sunset and sunrise. Be extra watchful when driving near the woods and deer crossing signs.

