

Spring is in full swing and you know what they say, April showers may bring dangerous road conditions. Here are four spring driving tips to help keep you safe on the road!

## #1 Keep an eye on your tire pressure

During the winter months, tires can become underinflated from the cold temperatures. While on the other hand, warmer temperatures may lead to tires becoming overinflated. As we transition into the new season it is important to pay attention to your tire pressure to prevent increased wear and potentially hazardous situations. We recommend checking your tire pressure at least once a month.

## **#2 Look out for potholes**

As the expanded groundwater begins to thaw, it contracts, forming potholes. Hitting a pothole can cause major damage to your vehicle's tires, suspension, and steering – among other things. The best thing you can do when you see one in your path is to safely drive around it. If you cannot avoid it When it is safe, drive around them. If you cannot safely get around it, slow down as you approach it and let your foot up off the brake as you go over it.

## **#3 Avoid flooded roads**

If your area is getting hit by a lot of rain this spring, you may encounter some flooded roads. It is best to avoid driving through water when you can, even if it just looks like a few inches. There are many dangers associated with driving through flooded roads, one of those being that it puts you at risk of flooding your exhaust. If you encounter a flooded road this spring, do your best to reroute your course around it!

## **#4 Check Windshield Wipers**

Functioning windshield wipers are a critical need for safe driving all year round. Poor road visibility can lead to many hazardous road situations. It is important to ensure your wipers are functioning properly, as winter can put quite the wear on them. We recommend taking a look at your wipers to make sure the rubber is not cracked or ripped, and the frames are not bent.



