



# WINTER DRIVING TIPS

**BEFORE LEAVING** add additional time to your planned commute to allow for slower travel.



**CLEAR THE SNOW** from all windows, mirrors, lights, roof and hood of your car.

**EQUIP YOUR CAR** with tires designed for winter use. All-weather tires do not work as well in winter weather.

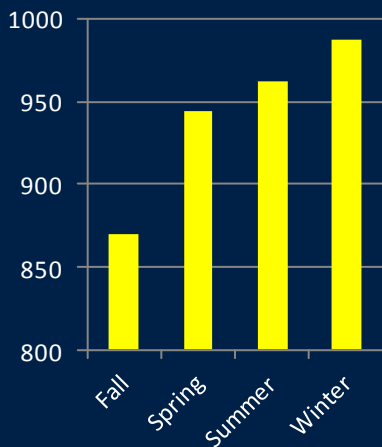


**PROPERLY INFLATE YOUR TIRES**

according to manufacturer specifications. (It is a myth that under-inflating your tires will increase your traction).

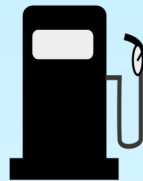
## Winter Accidents in Burlington

There are more motor vehicle accidents in Winter than in any other season in Burlington.



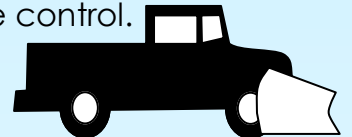
### STOCK UP.

Keeping a winter survival kit in your car can help you out in a tight spot. Be sure to include a flashlight, jumper cables, shovel, snowbrush, ice-scraper, blankets, sand (or kitty litter), and road flares or emergency lighting.



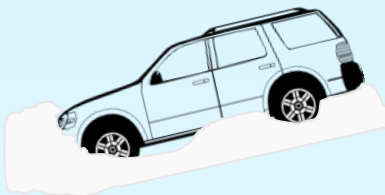
**KEEP YOUR TANK AT LEAST HALF FULL.** This allows your engine to start up more easily and prevents freezing.

**DRIVE SLOWLY AND INCREASE YOUR FOLLOWING DISTANCE**—it takes longer to stop in wet conditions. Do not use cruise control.

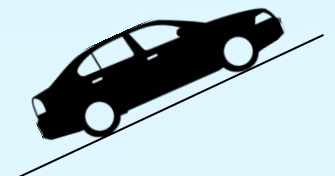


### YOU ARE NOT INVINCIBLE!

Four-wheel and all-wheel drive do not improve stopping or cornering in the snow.



**HANDLING HILLS:** Try not to stop going uphill. Give yourself enough momentum on a flat surface before reaching the hill. Jamming the gas pedal to go uphill will cause your wheels to spin.



The Federal Highway Administration found that over a ten year period, winter weather conditions accounted for 10% of all motor vehicle crashes and 6% of motor vehicle accident fatalities (<http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov>)

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