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.

PROPERLY INFLATE YOUR TIRES: According to manufacturer specifications. (It is a myth that under-inflating your tires will increase your traction).

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

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.

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

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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