

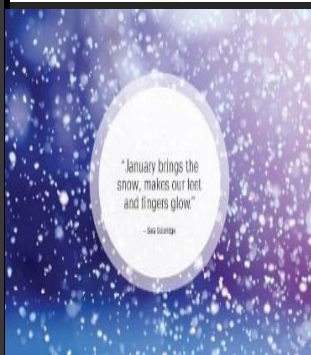


## **The Township of White River reminds everyone to be vigilant about staying safe on our community & highways roads this winter**

**\*Check your vehicle** Get your vehicle winter-ready with a maintenance check-up. Carry an ice scraper and washer fluid effective up to -40 degrees Celsius.

**\*Plan ahead, use your judgment** Plan your trip, locate your stops and check the weather. Check road conditions and closures on our website, Twitter account or call 511 for hands-free voice-activated service. Use your judgment too – delaying your trip may be the best option. If you're on the road when conditions worsen, find a safe place to pull well off and wait.

**\*Obey road closures** Do not drive on closed roads – it's against the law. Always obey emergency closure signs and follow the directions of police officers. Remember – the roads are closed for your safety!



Focus on your driving and **put away cell phones and other distractions**. Look for reflections on the road – what looks like water may actually be ice.

Many winter collisions occur because drivers are going too fast for road conditions. Slow down and allow extra space between you and other vehicles.

Steer gently on curves and in slippery conditions. Hard braking, quick acceleration and abrupt gear changes can cause you to skid. Avoid using cruise control on wet, snowy or icy pavement – it reduces your reaction time and vehicle control. If you do skid, release your brakes and steer in the direction you want to go. Be careful not to



The survival kit: gloves, booster cables, windshield wiper fluid, first aid kit, torch, snow brush, candles, safety vest, water bottle and cell phone



**By phone:** 511    **Online:** Ontario.ca/511    **On Twitter:** @511Ontario



Avoid crowding into the lane of on-coming traffic – this can result in head-on collisions. Drive slowly near working snowplows and don't pass them – it's dangerous. Be patient and give them room. They will pull off once they reach the end of their route.



All-season tires begin to lose their grip below +7°C and are not as effective in heavy snow and on ice. Tires marked with this symbol are designated for snowy conditions and offer excellent snow traction performance.



Invest in winter tires. Consider studded tires. Winter tires provide better traction and shorten braking distances by 25%



**Information obtained from the Government of Ontario**  
**Please visit their website at [ontario.ca/winterdriving](http://ontario.ca/winterdriving)**