



SMARTING SPRING SLICKNESS

Last year, North Texas had the sixth-wettest year on record. The Old Farmer's Almanac projects "warm/dry" weather this season, but you know what they say about North Texas weather. Whatever the forecast, there's no doubt we will see April showers, so buckle up for some helpful tips from our safety experts:

- **Help rainproof your vehicle.** Check windshield wiper blades to see if they should be replaced (streaks on windshields or rubber peeling away from the blade are giveaways). Ensure your headlights, turn signals, and brake lights are all working. Inspect your tire tread and air pressure (find your vehicle's recommended tire air pressure in your owner's manual or driver's door frame).
- **Adjust your speed and spacing.** Wet pavement requires more stopping distance so keep greater distance between you and the vehicle in front to avoid hydroplaning. If you hydroplane, take your foot off the gas but do **NOT** brake or steer away.
- **Don't use cruise control.** This can interfere with your vehicle's ability to decelerate if you start to hydroplane.
- **Turn around, don't drown.** Don't risk driving through a flooded area – a small vehicle can be carried away by as little as 12 inches of water.
- **It's not worth it – wait to text.** An important safety tip year-round: keep your phone down and eyes on the road while driving. Join the [Red Thumb Movement](#), NTTA's campaign to help end distracted driving. Learn more about NTTA's safety initiatives at our free family event, [Pave the Way Day](#), on Saturday, April 26.
- **Save this now.** Dial #999 for free roadside assistance, available 24/7 on NTTA roads. You can also connect with Roadside Service them through TollMate, NTTA's free mobile app.