



Auto Insights

Flood Safety on the Road

It's easy to underestimate the dangers of driving through flood waters. Most cars can be carried away in just 12 inches of water, and numerous deaths occur when cars are swept away during a flood.

Fortunately, many drownings and flood-related auto accidents are avoidable.

How to Stay Safe During a Flood

Floods can happen anywhere. Here's what to do if you encounter a flooded roadway:

- Note the water's depth as other cars drive through shallow flooding. Drive slowly at a steady speed.

- Never drive through water near fallen power lines.
- If your vehicle stalls in rising water, abandon it immediately for higher ground.
- Respect barricades. Do not drive on blocked roads.

No matter where you live, spring flooding can create dangerous driving conditions. Roadways can be quickly overtaken by water during heavy rain when rivers or other bodies of water flood their banks.

Be aware of flooding threats in your area and contact your agent to confirm that you have appropriate auto insurance coverage.

Car Air Filter: When Should You Replace It?

Many modern vehicles have an air filter for the engine and one for the cabin.

Your vehicle's air filters help remove contaminants to facilitate optimal performance and efficiency.

A clogged engine air filter can lead to reduced fuel mileage and restrict your ability to accelerate. Dirty cabin filters can restrict airflow from your vehicle's heating and cooling systems and create an unpleasant smell in your car.

Under normal driving conditions, an engine air filter may last 30,000 miles. Driving during hot weather or on unpaved roads may mean you'll need to change your engine and cabin air filters more often.

Consult your vehicle's owner's manual to find out how often the manufacturer recommends replacing air filters, and schedule this important maintenance task accordingly.

