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## TRAFFIC ADVISORY

### High wind and high water bring driving troubles

*Motorists need to extra careful when driving in heavy rain and high wind*

Heavy rain forecast for this week may bring driving problems for Portland area motorists.

Rain often means limited visibility, reduced tire traction and less predictable car handling.

Drivers should slow down, allow more time to get where they're going and allow for plenty of distance between cars, which need two or three times more stopping distance on wet roads.

Here are some tips:

- If a storm knocks out power to traffic signals, treat intersections like an all-way stop. The driver who stops first goes first.
- Beware of high water. Speeding through high water can mean losing control of the car and water can cause loss of function to your vehicle's brakes and power steering.
- Leaves on the road will mean slick streets. ODOT crews will be clearing leaves from the roadway and drains but high winds could bring even more leaves down from the trees and that will mean more standing water, slick streets and less traction.

High winds may also bring down trees and power lines. Motorists should plan on roads being closed due to down trees or power lines.

Plan ahead for extra time when driving in heavy rain and wind conditions. Visit

[www.tripcheck.com](http://www.tripcheck.com) or dial 511 for the latest information travel conditions and road closures.

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