

Drive the 5

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- I**mpairment free
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Weather and rural roads

Remember to drive cautiously and adapt to changing weather conditions for safety on rural roads!

- 1 Snow and ice:** Be aware of accumulation due to limited snow removal and remember black ice develops first on low-lying blacktop roads and is extremely hazardous.
- 2 Wind:** Prepare for sudden gusts that affect driving stability in areas lacking natural windbreaks. Limit time, if possible, with winds that are perpendicular to your vehicle.
- 3 Rain and water:** Heavy rains can lead to standing water on rural roads that have less efficient drainage and to slippery blacktop conditions after prolonged droughts. In addition, rain can reduce visibility which can be especially challenging on roads with limited sight distance.
- 4 Fog:** Fog can significantly reduce visibility and where streetlights may be scarce, like rural areas, it can be particularly dangerous. If available, use fog lights and reduce speed when driving in foggy conditions.
- 5 Extreme temperatures:** Frost heave can cause failures in asphalt roadways, resulting in surface distortions. High heat may cause cement roadways to buckle, while asphalt roadways may develop soft spots.