

Are motorists ready for the changing weather conditions?

It is hard to believe after an amazing start to the fall that winter-like conditions are already here.

Caledon OPP wants to know if motorists are ready and whether the car is ready to for these changing conditions.

Now is a good time to do a maintenance check on the vehicle to prepare for the winter, including tires, windshield wipers and taking it to a local mechanic for the pre-winter tune-up. Take the time to make sure your winter survival kit is well stocked, including a snow brush/ice scrapper. Always remember to have a fully charged cell phone with you in the event you find yourself stranded and make sure you let your family know where you are going should you need to travel this weekend.

When it comes to winter driving conditions the following advice from the Ministry of Transportation is a good reminder:

? Stay alert: Weather conditions can change quickly, placing extra demands on your vehicle and your driving skills. Keep your focus on the road and on other vehicles. Eliminate all distractions and make sure you are well rested.

? Slow down: Always drive according to weather conditions. Keep a safe distance between you and the vehicle in front of you to avoid having to brake suddenly on a slippery surface.

? Stay in control: Make sure you know how to handle your vehicle in all weather conditions.