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Happy Thanksgiving



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Driving to work in the dark?

Want some free Starbucks?!

See Back for Details

As the holiday season approaches so does the freezing cold rainy season. Summer came so late this year, that I know a lot of us were surprised to wake up and find that Fall was here. The rainy season is upon us which means it is time once again to make sure your vehicle is prepared for the slick roads and maybe even some snow. Here are a few tips to make sure that you are fully prepared for La Nina:

1. Get a full vehicle check-up: This includes everything from the hoses and belts to your car's battery. You want to do everything you can to make sure that you will always make it from point A to point B.
2. Properly equip your vehicle: You never know when you might need to pull over and put on tire chains. Along with tire chains, a few basic things that you want to have in your car are; a shovel, jumper cables, a tow strap, and some type of de-icer (you don't want to get stuck using your Costco card to scrape off the snow, I've been there, it's cold).
3. Keep extra clothing and blankets in your car. Do you remember when it snowed last year and drivers were trapped on I-5 for hours? I bet a lot of those drivers wished that they had a blanket or an extra coat to keep themselves warm while

they waited for the roads to clear.

4. I know that most of us keep a kit filled with non-perishable food items and flashlights in our homes, but you should also have these same items in your car. If you ever get stuck somewhere it would only be that much worse if you were starving too. P.S. Don't pack things just because they are non-perishable, pick out things that you would actually eat!
5. Always make sure your cell phone is charged! While I would never advocate having your phone within a reachable distance while you are driving, having a car charger for your cell phone is very important. If you can purchase another battery for your phone that you keep fully charged in the glove compartment.



Look inside for the next big PLG contest...

Happy Thanksgiving from everyone here at P | L | G

Thanksgiving is more than just a 4-day weekend. Thanksgiving is the one time of the year when it is ok to wear stretch pants to dinner. I asked everyone in the office what their favorite Thanksgiving dish was, so loosen your belt and prepare to stuff yourself with these holiday favorites...

Jason: My favorite dish is sweet potatoes

Patrick: Turkey, plain and simple

Danielle P: Aunt Kim's
yummy potatoes

Min: Mashed potatoes

Sean: BBQ turkey
(I would like to taste that,
Sean you better bring some
of that in for me!)



Darryl: Here is one that I
haven't tried before - Sweet
potatoes with
cranberry sauce

Riley: Stuffing with gravy

Carrie: Sweet potatoes

Danielle L: Turkey sandwiches the next day (with
ketchup). I am a little grossed out by that one.

PLG is Having Another Contest!



The 2011 Thanksgiving Sweepstakes begins...**NOW!**



"Like Us" on Facebook and you will automatically be entered to win:

1st place - \$50 gift card to *your choice* of Target, Best Buy or the Melting Pot

2nd place - \$25 gift card to Starbucks

3rd place - \$15 gift card to Starbucks (it's cold and dark in the mornings, who doesn't need coffee?)

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And click on 2011 Thanksgiving Sweepstakes

Driving Tips for Icy Roads

The best advice for driving when the roads are icy is to not drive at all. But if you must venture out here are a few things that must be remembered:

1. **Plan ahead** - You should give yourself plenty of time to get to your destination, but still plan on being late.
2. **SLOW DOWN** - I don't care how great of a driver you think you are, when you are driving in winter conditions you have to slow down. Also, give the car in front of you at least 3 times more space than you usually would, if you are a tailgater make that 6 times more space.
3. **Beware of black ice** - Black ice is almost invisible to the naked eye, so be especially cautious and slow down when driving your car into shaded areas.
4. **Careful on Bridges** - Certain areas of the road are almost always more hazardous than others. Use extra caution when driving on bridges, overpasses and in tunnels.
5. **Brake gently** - Try not to slam on your brakes because that will cause your car to skid. If your wheels do start to lock up, ease up on the brake.
6. **Keep your lights and windshield clean** - This is crucial now that it gets dark so early, your lights are a lot less effective when they are dirty.
7. **Use low gears** - This will help you keep traction, especially in hilly Seattle.
8. **Don't use cruise control** - You will likely be braking quite a bit if the roads are that bad, so there is no need for cruise control.
9. **Practice** - If you recently moved to Western Washington from a tropical climate, you are in for a cold shock this winter! It's helpful to practice driving in a snowy open parking lot, this will help familiarize you with how your car handles, and better prepare you for the open road.
10. **Wait for the snow plow** - If they are on the roads and you have the time, it is always a good idea to wait for the snow plow and/or sanding truck to do their job.



You Have Questions — We Have Answers!

Question...

I was hit by a car during extremely icy conditions. Is the other driver still at fault?

Answer...

Icy road conditions are not a defense. In Washington State all drivers have to act with due care in regards to road conditions. So if they are icy, you need to slow down and continue with caution. If a driver crashes into you because of icy road conditions they can still be held responsible for causing an auto accident.

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- *In Case of Death: Straight Talk on Washington Wrongful Death*

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Trivia Question of the Month

What is Jason's all-time favorite TV show?

Take a guess, if you are right this month is a \$25 Starbucks gift card!

Be the first person to e-mail the correct answer to Dlee@plg-llc.com and win a Starbucks gift card!!



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