

# How to protect your car from storms and floods



## Let's keep you and your vehicle safe in adverse weather conditions



- ✓ Park your car in a garage, removing any heavy hanging objects. If you have to park it outside, move it to higher ground and avoid trees, powerlines and buildings.
- ✓ Use hail covers to prevent or reduce damage; heavy blankets are also an option but be sure to secure them.
- ✓ Disconnect the battery – this will help protect your vehicle's electricals if it gets waterlogged.
- ✓ Avoid driving into flooded areas; if you have to do it as a last resort, check the water depth and look out for hazards such as floating debris or downed power lines.
- ✓ Keep emergency supplies in your car including jump leads and tools, a tyre repair kit or a spare tyre, and a torch.



### If your car's flooded:

- Assess the situation – if there's damage, carefully inspect your car, noting how high the water rose. If it became submerged and stopped, do NOT attempt to re-start it – get it towed to the nearest service station.
- Dry your car as much as you can. Open the bonnet, door and boot and let it dry out, taking out carpets. You can also use a fan or heater to help. Use a towel to soak up water on seats and cushions.
- Only start the car if you're certain no water has entered the engine or electrical system – this can be hard to tell so if you're in any doubt, get it towed.
- Contact your insurance company if you need to make a claim, most comprehensive policies should cover flood damage, and get your car checked over by a professional.



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