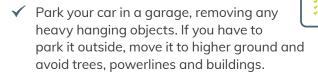
How to protect your car from storms and floods



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



- 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.



