

Winter driving tips

National Windscreens has compiled some top tips to help motorists keep their windscreens in tip-top condition this winter:

Don't

- ✗ Use boiling water to clear snow and ice – this can crack or break the glass, particularly if there are existing stone chips or scratches
- ✗ Leave vehicles unattended when relying on the heating system to clear windscreens
- ✗ Use the wiper system to sweep the glass clear – it can damage the wiper system and overload the electrics
- ✗ Clear a small 'porthole' before driving – this is illegal

Do

Check vehicle glass for stone chips and arrange any necessary repair (which can be free through National Windscreens depending on insurance cover) – water that collects in the cavity will expand if it freezes, potentially causing a crack

Clear all windows for good all-round visibility

Have quality sunglasses ready to cope with low-level sun glare

Use a good quality de-icer and a proper scraper to clear the glass – using a specially formulated windscreen washer liquid rather than soapy water is also beneficial at this time of year

Check for stone chip damage which can threaten an MOT test if it is in the line of sight zone

Ensure that the wiper blades are in good condition and clean to prevent any grit deposits from scratching the glass because this can cause lasting damage

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