

# Did You Know...

## FALL EQUINOX BRINGS ADDITIONAL DRIVING HAZARDS

The fall season is beautiful, but it introduces additional hazards to the road.

- **Leaves in the road:** Do not brake hard on leaf-covered roadways. Not only do these piles potentially cover potholes and other road hazards, but wet leaves are extremely slippery! It is best to reduce your speed and leave plenty of room between yourself and other vehicles.
- **“Leaf Peepers”:** As the leaves are changing, there are bound to be ‘leaf peepers’. Individuals who significantly slow their speed, or stop completely to catch a glimpse or photo of the scenery. Make sure to leave enough space between you and the car in front of you.
- **Fog:** Cold fall mornings often call for fog, which can drastically decrease your visibility. Fog generally settles in low places or areas surrounded by hills, water, mountains or trees. When driving in foggy conditions, slow down and do not use your high beams. High beams bounce off the fog and create a glare.
- **Sun Glare:** Around the time of autumn equinox, the first 15-45 minutes after sunrise and before sunset are heavy impact times for glare. It is recommended to ensure your windshield is cleaned (inside and out), wear sunglasses (polarized are best) and use north/south roadways as much as possible.
- **Deer:** Deer are much more active during the fall months. Statistically, you’re 3.5 times more likely to hit a deer during the month of November than any other month. Keep your eyes scanning for possible signs of deer and lower your speed. Deer are much more active at dusk and dawn.

