



Bakersfield Composite Squadron #121



60-Second Safety Advisor #6

Plan Ahead for Wet Weather

You have probably had the experience where you were driving down the road when raindrops began obscuring your view through your windshield – it is the first rain of the season. You turn on your windshield wipers to clear your view and find that the result is an even more obscured view with muddy streaks due to the deteriorated condition of your wipers from baking in the sun all summer. You try to use the windshield washer and find that it is empty; after all, you have not needed it for a while. Plan ahead and take care of these items now. Replace windshield wipers as needed, check the windshield washer fluid level, and check tire tread condition for better traction. Dirty or muddy water splashed onto your window can cause a "blackout" for several seconds. In addition, if you are driving a rental car or another vehicle that you do not commonly drive, get familiar with the location and operation of the wipers and washer before you start driving so that you may use them quickly if the need arises without taking your eyes off the road.

