

## HELPFUL TIPS FOR DRIVING AROUND POTHOLES

- 1. Try to drive around potholes, but only if you're able to safely change lanes in good time.
- 2. If you can't avoid the pothole, try not to swerve suddenly, which can put you and other drivers in danger, but also hitting the pothole at an angle can actually damage your suspension more than just driving over a pothole head-on.
- 3. Slow down. If you've come upon a pothole suddenly but you can't change lanes, there's no avoiding it. All you can do is minimize potential damage and keep yourself safe by slowing down.
- 4. Avoid curb lanes and pools of water. Because of how roads drain, curb lanes are a popular site for potholes, as are deep puddles, which can hide potholes.
- 5. Use mobile apps to avoid potholes and report them. Several Canadian cities now offer apps where drivers can find out where potholes are and avoid driving over them. Of course, you'll want to look those up before you head out on the road. If you spot a pothole, be sure to report it to your municipality so they can send crews out to repair it.