



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **ILLINOIS TOLLWAY EXPECTS 9 MILLION VEHICLES ON ITS SYSTEM THROUGHOUT THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY AND WEEKEND**

*Tollway reminds drivers to be prepared for travel – even winter weather*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – The Illinois Tollway expects as many as 9 million vehicles with Thanksgiving travelers to drive the Tollway system during this year’s extended holiday.

Over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, Wednesday, November 24, through Monday, November 29, the heaviest travel is expected on Wednesday when nearly 1.8 million vehicles are projected to use the 294-mile Tollway system. On an average day, just under 1.6 million vehicles use the Illinois Tollway.

“To ensure safe travel during the Thanksgiving holiday, the Illinois Tollway is reminding our customers to be prepared before driving,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. “Depending on the destination near or far, we provide travel services and tips to make trips easier for Tollway drivers.”

### **[Winter weather \(is here\) – Get it Together](#)**

The Illinois Tollway has readied its fleet of 196 snowplows and stockpiled 88,000 tons of salt for snow and ice and suggests drivers be prepared, too. Prepare an emergency kit with jumper cables, flares or flashlight, windshield washer fluid, an ice scraper, traction material, blankets, snacks and a first-aid kit, and don’t forget the cell phone and car charger in case of emergency.

### **[Get real-time road condition updates](#)**

Whether the trip is short or long, find Traveler Quick Links on the Tollway’s website or sign up Tollway Trip Tweets with real-time roadway incident information and weather conditions at Tollway Trip 90, Tollway Trip 88, Tollway Trip 355, Tollway Trip 94/294 and Tollway Trip 390.

### **[Call \\*999 for roadside assistance](#)**

Drivers should call \*999 to get help from Tollway roadway maintenance crews or from Illinois State Police District 15 who patrol the Tollway system 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Motorist aid patrols stand ready to help stranded customers change tires, jump-start batteries, add coolant, dispense fuel, transport customers, move vehicles away from traffic and call for a tow truck.

### **[Clearing the way for your trip](#)**

To accommodate holiday travel on the Illinois Tollway, construction activity will be restricted and temporary lane closures will be suspended from noon on Wednesday, November 24, through 9 a.m. on Monday, November 29. Some work may continue behind barriers in existing construction work zones to keep work on schedule, so drivers are reminded to slow down and obey work zone speed limits.

### **About the Illinois Tollway**

The Illinois Tollway is a user-fee system that receives no state or federal funds for maintenance and operations. The agency maintains and operates 294 miles of roadways in 12 counties in Northern Illinois, including the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88), the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355), the Jane

Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90), the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80) and the Illinois Route 390 Tollway.

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