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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY ASKS DRIVERS TO WATCH FOR STANDING WATER ON PAVEMENT

Thaw, rains leaving water on some low-lying roadways

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway advised customers Friday to travel with caution and avoid driving through standing water left by rains and melting snow along several portions of the 286-mile roadway system.

Additional maintenance crews have been deployed to help clear storm drains to allow the water covering section of pavement to subside. Patrols will continue through the night until the rain ends.

All of the Tollway's roads are open at this time, though standing water has been reported at several locations, including in northbound and southbound lanes on the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80) near the O'Hare Oasis. However, lanes in other areas may temporarily be covered by water, although no widespread lane closures are expected.

"We're asking our customers to be cautious as they travel and, most importantly, to avoid driving through standing water," said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Kristi Lafleur. "Drivers also should allow themselves extra time to reach their destinations safely."

Drivers should dial *999 from a cellphone for assistance if their vehicles become disabled or to report other stranded cars.

Know Before You Go

The Tollway offers the following ways for drivers to get the latest travel information before they get on the road:

- www.illinoistollway.com – Construction/Planning section and Tollway Trip Calculator and real-time roadway incident information
- 1-800-TOLL-FYI - Daily lane closure and travel information (updated every two hours or as conditions require during winter storms)
- www.travelmidwest.com – Real-time travel times
- www.nbcchicago.com – Up-to-the-minute traffic by roadway.
- www.myfoxchicago.com – Latest traffic conditions
- www.twitter.com – Real-time roadway incident information at Tollway Trip 90, Tollway Trip 88, Tollway Trip 355 and Tollway Trip 94/294

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 286 miles of interstate tollways 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) and the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80).

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