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RAC issues advice for drivers contending with flooded roads

RAC spokesman Pete Williams said: "With a deluge of rain and thunderstorms descending on southern and central England and Wales, the RAC is urging drivers to expect the worst and prepare for challenging conditions on the roads. Drivers are likely to get a taste of some tough driving conditions over the next 24 to 48 hours with the forecast of torrential rain and the risk of hailstones.

"Exercising care and caution is vital in heavy rain conditions, especially as traffic volumes are particularly high at the moment. Cut your speed, use

dipped headlights and avoid driving through deep water if you encounter flood conditions and remember to show consideration for other road users, particularly cyclists and pedestrians. Also be prepared to pull over and wait for the worst conditions to subside if you are hit by a heavy storm.

"It could be wise to delay your journey until conditions improve and listen out for the latest weather and traffic news on the radio.

"We always advise drivers to keep a close check on their vehicle basics to help avoid a breakdown particularly in adverse weather. We suggest you use the 'FORCE' to ensure your vehicle is in the best condition by checking your: fuel, oil, rubber – that is your tyre tread and pressure and those all-important windscreen wipers – coolant level and electrics so all your lights are working."

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At the forefront of new solutions for business fleets and consumers, the RAC's breakdown service is electric-ready with mobile EV charging technology and can be called on using \underline{myRAC} – the all-in-one route planner, fuel finder and breakdown reporting app.

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