

# The Correct Way to Change **Windshield Wipers**

**Changing your wiper blades regularly is an important and simple task to keep you safe behind the wheel.**

The last thing you want is to get stuck in a torrential downpour with worn-out wiper blades. Windshield wipers should typically be replaced every 6-12 months. Replacement times vary depending on usage and the climate where you live.

Installing your new blades is a fairly simple matter. First, you need to determine what size and type of wipers your vehicle requires. If you visit your local auto parts store you can look up your vehicle information in the resource books or computers they provide or just ask a service member to help. Once you have the proper parts, you can get to work.

Start by lifting your wiper from your windshield until it is standing straight up. Remove the existing blade by pressing down on the tabs at the part where the blade meets the arm and gently slide the blade off the arm. It's advisable to change one blade at a time so you can use the existing blade for reference. Next, position your new blade with the clip side towards the arm it will attach to. Line the curved side up with the curve of the wiper's arm. Slide the clip into place by pulling up on the arm. Attach the blade by pulling the entire blade into place until it clicks. Then lower the arm back down to the windshield to ensure it makes total contact with the glass.

If you are a visual person and need more assistance when changing your blades, [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) has some very good reference videos that can help.

Proper vehicle maintenance, including wiper blade updates, are imperative to your safety while driving. **If you are interested in more helpful resources or if you need any help with your insurance policy or specific insurance needs, please contact your Gallagher representative. We're here to help.**

## Warnings that it's time for new wiper blades:

- Squeaking or scratching sounds
- Peeling blades
- Dirty streaks on your windshield
- Lack of contact with the windshield
- Skipping blades