Black Ice

Cold Hard Facts About Black Ice

Don’t white knuckle it when you hit black ice.

What it is:
A thin layer of ice on the road that can be almost invisible

When it occurs:
If the air temperature is warmer than the pavement, moisture can rapidly freeze and create a thin, transparent layer of ice

What should you do?
- Keep at least a 5-second following distance from the vehicle in front of you since it takes twice as long to stop on black ice
- Be especially vigilant in the early morning when air temperature rises faster than the pavement temperature
- Be careful when driving on bridges, overpasses and tunnels
- Never brake on ice because it can cause a vehicle to skid

Salt no longer melts ice when the temperature is 15° F or colder.

SOURCE: https://www.osha.gov/dts/weather/winter_weather/hazards_precautions.html