

# Flashing Yellow Arrow Left-Turn Signal

Remember: a flashing yellow arrow = turn with caution.

You may have begun to notice a new style of left-turn signal on Michigan's roads. Placed OVER the left-turn lane at a signalized intersection, this new signal display includes a flashing yellow arrow.

In coming years, this type of signal will replace all flashing red left-turn signals.

How will it work?

In most locations, the flashing yellow arrow will be part of a four-arrow signal. In areas where this is not possible, the bottom of a three-arrow signal will display either the flashing yellow arrow or a steady green arrow.

- \* [Play a demo](#) of how the new signal works. (Requires Flash plug-in.)
- \* [Download](#) the brochure.

Signal phases:

red light Red: STOP.

yellow flashing light Flashing yellow arrow: Left turns permitted. Yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians. [Oncoming traffic has a green light.]

green light Green arrow: Safe to turn left. [Oncoming traffic must stop.]

yellow light Steady yellow arrow: The left-turn signal is about to change to red; prepare to stop, or prepare to complete your left turn if you are within the intersection.

Why the change?

This change is the result of a national study conducted for the Federal Highway Administration, which demonstrated that the new signals:

- \* help to prevent crashes
- \* move more traffic through an intersection
- \* and provide additional traffic management flexibility.

Why is it a better left-turn signal?

- \* It's safer. A national study demonstrated that drivers made fewer mistakes with the new signals than with traditional left-turn arrow signals.
- \* It's more efficient The new signals provide traffic engineers with more options to handle variable traffic volumes.
- \* It's more consistent. You'll see the same signals in every state because the new signals will be mandated throughout the U.S

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