Green Means GO?

Green lights still require due regard.

“STALE” GREEN—A light you didn’t see change

Will the light stay green long enough for you to make it through?
The worst choice you can make is to stomp on the accelerator only to enter the intersection as the light changes for cross traffic. If you have doubts about maintaining the right-of-way you must be prepared to stop.

Watch out for right turns on red and distracted drivers who enter your path despite the green in your favor. Bicyclists and pedestrians often cross against the light when they see a break in traffic.

“FRESH” GREEN—A light that just changed for you

You just rolled up on an intersection and the light goes green. Avoid the temptation to immediately mash the accelerator. Anyone who has spent much time in the DC Metro area realizes one, two, and even three cars may still go through the traffic light after it changes red.

Continuously scan the intersection even when you have the green light.
Adjust vehicle speed and position to see and be seen at EVERY intersection.