FALL CAR CARE

## AVOID THE HOLIDAY BREAKDOWN

Every year, as tens of millions of travelers take the road for their holiday trips and vacations, at least one million people will be stranded. But many of them would be able to avoid these problems if they started planning in the fall.

That figure is an estimation by the American Automobile Association, which is ready to deploy its assistance specialists to help with lockouts, battery replacements, jump starts, extricating vehicles from snow and towing cars for repair.

## BE PREPARED

Drivers can avoid some roadside breakdowns by keeping their vehicles properly maintained. The AAA advises motorists to follow their recommended maintenance schedule and make sure their vehicle is ready for the holiday travel season.

Have a certified technician check your vehicle's fluid levels, lights, brakes, exhaust system and heater/defroster. you should continue to schedule regular services, including oil and filter changes, throughout the winter driving season at the intervals recommended by the vehicle manufacturer.

## COMMON ISSUES

Every year during the holiday season, this is how AAA service calls are broken down:

- Nearly 300,000 requests for help with a dead battery.
- More than 80,000 failed batteries repaired on the spot.
- Nearly 200,000 sets of keys retrieved from inside locked vehicles.
- More than 166,000 tire changes.
- •About 21,000 vehicle extrications.

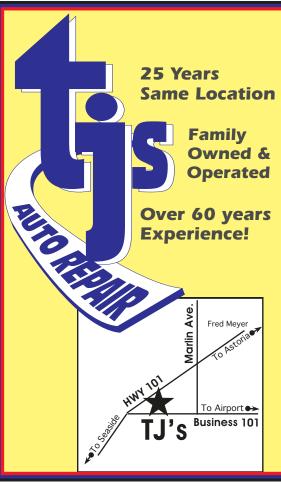
## BEING STRANDED

The AAA projects its roadside technicians can fix the issues of more than three out of five stranded motorists and send them on their way. The remaining two travelers will still need a tow.

Keeping you and your family safe while you're stranded is important. This means pulling your car fully onto the shoulder of the road and keeping your hazard lights flashing.

You could also benefit from having an emergency kit full of blankets, batteries, water, flashlights and other essential items to keep you safe and warm during long delays.







- Check air conditioning performance
- Check entire cooling system
- Check all belts, hoses and fluid levels
- Check entire starting and charging system
- Check steering and drive-train
- Check braking system, front and back
- 22-point safety inspection on the rest of your vehicle
- Rotate tires as needed
- Consultation about any problems with your car
- And we'll even wash your car too!
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