

WINTER VEHICLE PREP

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COLD WEATHER CAR CARE TIPS

Winter is approaching, bringing cold temperatures, salty roads, wet conditions and other challenges for drivers. To ensure your vehicle is at its best, follow these six simple tips to get your vehicle winter-ready.



1. Add Antifreeze

Antifreeze can help protect your engine from extreme temperatures and help keep fluids from freezing as cold sets in.



2. Check Tires

When temperatures fall, air inside tires contracts and causes the pressure inside to drop, which can make tires susceptible to damage.



3. Change Oil

Colder temperatures can cause motor oil to thicken, which can cause starting problems. Change your oil just before winter to keep oil flowing easily through your engine, helping your car start easier.



4. Wash and Wax

Washing and applying a fresh coat of wax before fluctuating temperatures set in can be the first line of defense against ice, salt, sand and slush. Visiting a car wash is also a great way to get the underbelly of the car clean to avoid rusting, which helps maintain the overall value of the vehicle.



Additionally, washing at a car wash regularly in the winter can help keep the windshield, mirrors and lights clean, which is important in ensuring the best possible vision for the driver.



5. Replace Wipers

As thick snow starts falling, or when rain and water turn to ice, it's important to have properly fitted wiper blades to keep your windshield.



6. Pack an Emergency Kit

To help ensure safe travel and be prepared for emergency situations, keep these essential items in your vehicle: gloves, ice scraper, shovel, salt or sand, warm clothing and blankets, jumper cables and a first-aid kit.

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