

Fall Vehicle & Tire Prep Checklist

- CHECK YOUR TIRE PRESSURE AND ADD AIR IF NEEDED.** Make sure to check your tire pressure when the tires are “cool”, or have not been driven on for several hours. Tire pressure increases with heat and decreases with cold, so it’s especially important to check it when seasons change.

- BATTERY CHECK.** Make sure it’s in good condition, charges fully, and that the connections are clean and secure.

- CHECK YOUR TIRE’S SNOW RATING.** Make sure your tires are properly rated for fall and winter weather in your region. Change to winter tires if needed.

- ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE PROPERLY FITTING TIRE CHAINS.** Make sure that you know how to put the chains onto your tires.

- CHECK TIRE TREAD LEVELS.** Tread should be at least 2/32nds of an inch deep.

- CHECK WINDSHIELD WIPERS AND WIPER FLUID.** Replace cracked, warped or detaching windshield wipers. Use a winter-grade wiper fluid that won’t freeze in colder temperatures.

- CLEAN WINDOWS AND MIRRORS.** Clean all windows and mirrors for maximum visibility.

- CHECK ALL LIGHTS.** Walk around the vehicle and check that headlights, taillights, brake lights, turn signals and hazard lights all work. Check interior lights and replace bulbs if needed.

- BRAKE INSPECTION.** Take your vehicle to a car maintenance professional for a brake inspection.

- EMERGENCY/FIRST AID KIT.** Replace expired or depleted supplies.

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- **CHECK FLUID LEVELS.** Check brake fluid, power steering fluid, transmission fluid, and engine oil, and top off as needed. *Make sure Antifreeze and Coolant are at the right levels, as both play a key role in your interior heating system.*

- **CHECK EXHAUST SYSTEM.** Check for any problems or leaks. Snow can increase the chances of carbon monoxide getting into your vehicle.

- **CHECK ENGINE AIR FILTER AND REPLACE IF DIRTY OR CLOGGED.** A clogged air filter reduces fuel efficiency and engine performance.

- **CHECK CABIN AIR FILTER AND CHANGE IF NECESSARY.** Allergens like pollen can accumulate in the filter and continue to cause allergies if the filter is not changed.

- **CHECK HEATING AND DEFROSTING SYSTEM.** Check functionality for comfort and defogging/visibility while driving.

- **PREPARE TO MONITOR WEATHER CONDITIONS.** Know and pre-program local radio stations to check weather conditions as you drive.

OPTIONAL EXTRA EMERGENCY SUPPLIES: Tow Straps, Recovery/Traction Boards, Emergency Food & Water, Phone Charger, Charged Power Bank, Two-Way Radio, Off-Road Communications (Ham or CB Radio, Satellite Phone), Umbrella and Rain Poncho, Extra Coats, Gloves, and Blankets.