

Winter Car Prep Checklist ❄️ 🚗

Winter conditions can be tough on your vehicle, but with the right preparation, you can stay safe and avoid unexpected breakdowns. Use this checklist to ensure your car is ready for the season!

1. Check Your Tires 🛠️

- ✓ **Inspect tire tread depth:** Ensure there's adequate tread to handle snow and ice.
- ✓ **Check tire pressure:** Cold temperatures can cause tires to deflate. Ensure proper inflation.
- ✓ **Consider winter tires:** If you live in an area with heavy snow or icy roads, winter tires can improve traction and safety.

2. Inspect Your Battery 🔋

- ✓ **Test battery charge:** Cold weather can drain your battery faster. Have it checked to ensure it holds a charge.
- ✓ **Check terminals and cables:** Clean and tighten any loose connections to prevent starting issues.

3. Fluids Check 💧

- ✓ **Top off antifreeze/coolant:** Ensure your vehicle's cooling system is ready to prevent freezing.
- ✓ **Check oil level:** Use a winter-grade oil for better engine performance in cold weather.
- ✓ **Top off windshield wiper fluid:** Use a winter-grade wiper fluid to prevent freezing.
- ✓ **Check brake fluid:** Ensuring your brakes are ready for icy roads is crucial!

4. Inspect Wipers & Replace Blades 🗨️

- ✓ **Replace wiper blades:** Worn-out blades can reduce visibility in heavy snow or rain.
- ✓ **Ensure proper wiper fluid:** Use antifreeze-rated wiper fluid for optimal winter driving.

5. Test Your Brakes 🛑

- ✓ **Check brake pads & rotors:** Cold and wet conditions can affect braking performance, so it's essential to make sure your brakes are in top shape.
- ✓ **Inspect brake lines:** Ensure there are no leaks or cracks in the lines.

6. Check Lights & Signals

- ✓ **Test headlights, taillights, and turn signals:** With shorter daylight hours, ensure all your lights are working.
- ✓ **Check for fog lights:** If you have fog lights, make sure they're operational for those foggy winter mornings.

7. Ensure Your Heater & Defroster Work

- ✓ **Test the heater:** Make sure your vehicle's heating system is working to keep you warm during cold temperatures.
- ✓ **Check the defroster:** A working defroster will keep your windshield clear of ice and fog.

8. Keep an Emergency Kit

- ✓ **Pack an emergency kit:** Include blankets, non-perishable snacks, bottled water, flashlight, jumper cables, first aid kit, and road flares.
- ✓ **Include ice scraper & snow brush:** Essential for clearing ice and snow off your car's windows.
- ✓ **Ensure tire chains:** If you're in an area with heavy snow, keep tire chains in the car.

9. Check Belts & Hoses

- ✓ **Inspect all belts and hoses:** Cold weather can cause rubber parts to crack, so ensure they're in good condition.
- ✓ **Look for leaks:** Check for any coolant or oil leaks around belts and hoses.

10. Check Air Filters


- ✓ **Inspect air filter:** A clean air filter is crucial for engine efficiency, especially in colder months when airflow is important.

Bonus Tip:

❄️ **Drive with caution in winter conditions!** Even with the best preparation, always adjust your driving habits to match the weather. Give yourself more time to stop, accelerate slowly, and avoid sudden movements on icy roads.

Ready for Winter?

Prepare early to avoid costly repairs down the road. Contact us today to get your vehicle winter-ready! ❄️

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