



Winterize Your Vehicle

- ☐ Update the emergency kits in your vehicles

Check or have a mechanic check the following items on your car:

- ☐ Antifreeze levels: Ensure they are sufficient to avoid freezing
- ☐ Battery and ignition system: Should be in top condition and battery terminals should be clean
- ☐ Brakes: Check for wear and fluid levels
- ☐ Exhaust system: Check for leaks and crimped pipes and repair or replace as necessary. Carbon monoxide is deadly and usually gives no warning
- ☐ Fuel and air filters: Replace and keep water out of the system by using additives and maintaining a full tank of gas. A full tank will keep the fuel line from freezing.
- ☐ Heater and defroster: Ensure they work properly
- ☐ Lights and flashing hazard lights: Check for serviceability
- ☐ Oil: Check for level and weight. Heavier oils congeal more at low temperatures and do not lubricate as well.
- ☐ Thermostat: Ensure it works properly
- ☐ Windshield wiper equipment: Repair any problems and maintain proper washer fluid level
- ☐ Install good winter tires: Make sure the tires have adequate tread. All-weather radials are usually adequate for most winter conditions. However, some jurisdictions require that vehicles be equipped with chains or snow tires with studs.