

# WINTER CAR MAINTENANCE



## PREPARE FOR WINTER - ENSURE THE FOLLOWING:

- Check the Oil and Other Engine Fluids:
    - Transmission fluid
    - Brake fluid
    - Power steering fluid
    - Antifreeze/Coolant
  - Check engine belts and hoses
  - Check tire pressure
  - Check tire tread depth/condition
  - Install winter tires
  - Test all exterior lights for proper functionality:
    - Headlights
    - Brake Lights
    - Turn signals
    - Backup lights
    - Emergency flashers
  - Check wiper fluid
  - Check the condition of the wiper blades
  - Check the battery (i.e. verify no bulging or corrosion)
  - Test the vehicle's heater and window defroster
  - Clean the vehicle regularly, particularly after driving on salt or snow-melt
- Create a car emergency kit with the following items:
    - Bottled drinking water
    - First-aid kit
    - Non-perishable snacks (include pet-friendly snacks if you frequently travel with an animal)
    - Bag of abrasive material (i.e. sand, salt, or cat litter) or traction mats
    - Snow shovel
    - Tow chain or rope
    - Warm items (i.e. blankets, gloves, hats, and scarves)
    - Flashlight and extra batteries
    - Ice scraper and brush
    - Jumper cables
    - Warning devices (i.e. flares or triangles)
    - Basic toolkit including screwdrivers, pliers, and adjustable wrench



Driving your way.