

# Car Basics: Prepare for Winter Weather

Winter weather can bring cold temperatures, ice and snow — which means new challenges for caring for your car. Check out these tips on how to prepare and maintain your vehicle for the colder weather.



## TEST YOUR BATTERY

Before winter arrives, test your battery and replace it if it's weak.



## REPLACE YOUR HEADLIGHTS

Replace any bulbs that are out or dimmed and be sure to clear your lights of any snow or ice before you begin driving.



## CHECK YOUR WIPERS & FLUID

Make sure that your wipers are working in good order and your wiper fluid is topped off to help combat upcoming winter precipitation.



## TEST YOUR HEATING & COOLING SYSTEM

Keep coolant levels high throughout the colder months to keep your engine from freezing.



## CHECK YOUR TIRES

Throughout the winter, you should frequently check both the tire pressure and treads of each tire to ensure they're in top shape and replace if needed.



## ADD A PROTECTIVE LAYER

Road salt can do serious damage to your car's exterior. Adding a coat of polymer wax, undercoating, rust-proofing and regular washes can help protect your car from corrosion.



## CREATE AN EMERGENCY KIT

Pack a flashlight, roadside flare, first aid kit, phone charger, jumper cables, an ice scraper and a blanket or extra coat and keep it in your car in case you're stranded in cold weather.

