

## Prepare for the deep freeze, plug in your car

*CAA shares tips to keep your car running smoothly when the temperature drops*

Winnipeg, January 8, 2016 – With weather forecasts predicting Manitoba’s first real deep freeze this weekend, CAA Manitoba shares tips to motorists to keep their cars in commission in these bone-chilling temperatures.

“Very cold temperatures like we’re shivering through today have a major impact on your car. We start to see problems pop up when the temperature continues for three or more days” says Liz Kulyk, Corporate Manager of Communications for CAA Manitoba. “Thankfully, you can prevent many problems if you simply plug your car in.”

When the temperature dips below -18 degrees Celsius, it takes more than 40 per cent of your battery’s charge to start your engine. If your battery is more than a few years old, you run the risk that your car won’t have the strength to start.

### **CAA Manitoba’s five simple tips to avoid being stuck in the cold**

- Check your block heater and inspect all cords to ensure they’re not damaged or frayed.
- Plug your vehicle in at least 3 hours before you intend on driving it.
- If you suspect a dying battery, make an appointment with CAA Manitoba to have it tested.
- Make sure all your fluid levels are topped up and are the right ones for the temperature; consider getting an oil change with synthetic oil.
- Always carry an emergency roadside kit in your car and have a charged cell phone.

Members who need roadside assistance can call 1-800-222-4357, put in a request at [caamanitoba.com](http://caamanitoba.com), or through the CAA Mobile App. Winnipeg and Brandon Members are reminded they can receive real-time updates on their roadside assistance request with the [new CAA Service Tracker tool](#).

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