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## CAA MANITOBA OFFERS TIPS TO SNOWBIRDS GETTING READY TO ESCAPE WINTER

Like the geese, many Manitobans are getting ready to head south for the winter to avoid another harsh winter. But before these snowbirds set flight, CAA Manitoba has some tips to ensure their stay in the sun is worry-free.

### Documentation

- **Identification** - make sure your identification like your passport and driver's license are up to date and is not set to expire during your travel. Passport photos can be taken at a nearby CAA Manitoba branch.
- **Copies of documents** – Copy or scan your important documents for easy access.
- **Permits** – Driving in a country other than Canada and the U.S.A? You may be required to carry an international driving permit, available at any CAA Branch.
- **Check your dates** – In the U.S.A, if you stay more than 183 days in one calendar year, you may be deemed a resident.

### Protection

- **Travel insurance** - Purchase travel health insurance to protect you from any unexpected medical expenses (this can be purchased at any CAA branch or online at [caamanitoba.com](http://caamanitoba.com))
- **Caretaker** – Arrange for someone to look after your house while you are away, including picking up mail and shoveling. Talk to your insurance broker to see how what frequency is required for your policy.
- **Car maintenance** – if you are travelling down south by car, top up your fluids, test your battery and check your tire pressure, hoses and belts. Make sure to bring your CAA card with you!

### Personal

- Register your travel with the Canadian Embassy
- Let your bank know you will be away
- Ensure you have enough medication for your stay

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