

Getting your wheels ready for winter

Car related tips

1. **Get the right kind of oil change and top up all fluids**
 - Ensure your antifreeze is the right mixture
2. **Get a good car wash**
 - Clear off all the summer dust and built-up bugs with a good car wash. Use a wax that will help coat and protect the exterior from road salt and one that will make it easier to brush away snow and ice. Touch up any scratches or chips as these could get worse over the winter months.
3. **Make sure you can see**
 - Get new wiper blades
 - Replace any burnt out lights - Winter brings shorter days which means you'll be depending more on your lights to help you see in the morning and at night. Check your headlights, taillights, backup lights, signal lights and your hazard lights to confirm that they are all in working order.
4. **Give your battery some TLC**
 - Get a test, clean the posts, check the connections
5. **Check your belts and hoses**
6. **Check your tire pressure and switch to winter tires**
 - Proper inflations increases your traction
 - Winter tires made of softer rubber compounds get better traction in snow and cold
7. **Avoid a deep freeze**
 - Prevent frozen locks and doors by adding a little lubricant ahead of time. This also works on the trunk and hood seals.

Driving related tips

8. **Always carry an emergency roadside kit**
 - Ensure the kit has enough supplies for everyone you're travelling with
 - Invest in a small shovel and good ice scraper
9. **Know what to do if you get stranded.**
 - Carry a fully charged cell phone and let people know your trips details before you go

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