

# News Release



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## CAA offers tips for your car during deep freeze *A few simple things can help keep your car on the road*

As Manitoba shivers through this winter's first deep freeze and call volumes and wait times remain steady, CAA Manitoba offers tips to motorists to keep their cars in commission in these bone-chilling temperatures.

"Temperatures like this take a substantial toll on your car," says CAA Manitoba Public and Government Affairs Manager, Liz Peters. "Especially when the temperature persists three or more days, we start to see more problems. A lot of them could be prevented by simply plugging your car in."

When the temperature dips below -18 degrees, 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 juice to start.

### **To avoid being stuck in the cold, CAA Manitoba is offering these simple tips to drivers:**

- Plug your vehicle in at least three hours before you intend on driving it
- If you are concerned about your battery, start your vehicle midday to see if you should place a road service call
- Check your block heater and inspected all cords to ensure they are not damaged or frayed.
- Make sure all your fluid levels are adequate 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
- If you suspect a dying battery, make an appointment with CAA Manitoba to get it tested.

Over the weekend, CAA Manitoba serviced more than 2,500 members. Today will be our busiest day of the winter so far, and we are on target to serve over 1,000 by the end of the day. Members needing roadside assistance can call 1-800-222-4357

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