

Driving Winter Travel Checklist

Be prepared For WINTER Travel... Below is a check list to customize for your needs.

Check Online Weather Conditions:

- Before traveling, look at the weather forecast for your travel destination.
- Make note any storm warnings or adverse conditions.

2. Fluids & Antifreeze:

- Top off all **Fluids**, including windshield washer fluid.
- Check & make sure **Coolant** is "winter ready" correct blend of **Antifreeze**.

3. Tires "Winter":

- Consider "winter" **tires** for traction in snow or ice.
- Make sure your tires are properly inflated.

4. Emergency Preparedness Kit:

- Have in your trunk @ ALL times....
 - **Sleeping bags** & Extra **Blankets**
 - Clothing such as , **gloves, hats, jackets & SOCKS**
 - **Flashlights** (couple) with **extra batteries**
 - **First aid kit**
 - **Snacks**. Protein (Nuts, Raisens...), **Water**, (non perishable)
 - **Jumper Cables** (longer better) ***check your Battery Terminals too
 - **Ice scraper** or **Snow Brush, De-Icer Liquid**
 - **Shovel** *small hand held
 - **Sand** or **Cat Litter** (used for traction)
 - **Tire chains** (if required) ***test putting them on

5. Vehicle List:

- **Battery, Brakes, Lights, and Fluids**, check or go into your Repair Shop
- **Heating System & Defrosters** test & ensure are properly working.
- Windshield Wiper Blades replace even consider "winter" blades.

6. Fuel:

- Keep your fuel tank at **ABOVE half full** to prevent fuel line freezing & to provide a source of heat if you get stuck.

7. Charge Devices:

- Fully charge your phone & electronic devices b/4 you leave.

8. Check Lights:

- Test all lights, headlights, brake lights, & turn signals.

9. Plan Details of Your Route:

- Follow main roads as they are more likely to be plowed & salted.
- Give someone else your travel plans along with expected arrival time.

10. Road Conditions Check & Continually Stay Informed:

- Use apps or websites that provide real-time updates.
- Watch weather & traffic updates during your journey.

11. Drive with Caution:

- Slow down & increase following distance between vehicle in front.
- Brake gently to avoid skidding (always good to test before you need to).
- Accelerate gradually to avoid slipping.

12. MONITOR Fluids:

- Coolants & windshield washer fluid levels routinely throughout trip.

13. Snow Chains KNOW HOW TO USE:

- Make sure you know how to install them properly "Test Install".

14. Adjust Behavior for driving & focus:

- Caution on all bridges, overpasses, & shaded areas, for frozen areas.
- No sudden movements including sharp turns.

If conditions are severe, your safety should come first...consider delaying your travel plans or alternative transportation if at all possible.

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