



## ❄ Winter Vehicle Care Checklist

Hertzog's Garage, Inc. — Stay Safe. Stay Winter-Ready.

### ✓ Battery & Starting System

- Test battery strength and load capacity
- Inspect terminals for corrosion
- Check alternator performance
- Ensure reliable cold weather starting

### ✓ Fluids & Filters

- Coolant/antifreeze level and freeze protection
- Engine oil level & winter-grade recommendation
- Windshield washer fluid (winter formula)
- Brake fluid level
- Check for any fluid leaks
- Replace clogged air or cabin filters

### ✓ Tires & Traction

- Measure tire tread depth
- Check tire pressure (cold weather reduces PSI)
- Inspect for uneven wear, cracking, or dry rot
- Rotate tires if needed
- Install winter tires if applicable
- Confirm spare tire readiness

### ✓ Brakes & Safety Systems

- Inspect brake pads, rotors, and calipers
- Check ABS warning lights
- Verify parking brake function

### ✓ Visibility & Wipers

- Replace worn or streaking wiper blades
- Confirm defroster works (front & rear)
- Check heater performance
- Inspect headlights, taillights, turn signals, and brake lights
- Clean cloudy headlight lenses

## ✓ Belts, Hoses & Under-the-Hood Inspection

- Inspect belts for cracks or glazing
- Check hoses for bulges or leaks
- Look for signs of wear that cold weather can worsen

## ✓ Undercarriage & Rust Prevention

- Undercarriage wash to remove salt
- Apply rust-protection or sealant if desired
- Inspect exhaust system for corrosion

## ✓ Emergency & Convenience Items

- Ice scraper and snow brush
- Jumper cables or jump starter
- Tire pressure gauge
- Emergency kit (blanket, gloves, flashlight)
- Phone charging cable for the car

## ✓ Fuel & General Maintenance

- Keep tank at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  full to prevent fuel line freeze
- Make sure remote start (if equipped) works properly
- Test the battery in your key fob

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