

WINTER DRIVING PRE-TRIP INSPECTION CHECKLIST



DAILY INSPECTION

- FUEL** – Fuel up at the end of the day and don't let your vehicle drop below ¼ tank
- WEATHER REPORT** – Review throughout the day, as conditions may change
- LIGHTS** – Clear ice and snow from tail lights, reflectors, marker lights, and headlights
- TIRES** – Confirm tires are filled to the correct pressure level and have adequate tread for winter driving
- FLUID LEVELS** – Check antifreeze and windshield wiper fluid levels
- DEFROSTER** – Ensure it's venting properly and keep your dashboard clear of paperwork and other items that can block airflow
- EXHAUST SYSTEM** – Inspect for leaks, carbon monoxide poisoning can be deadly
- YOURSELF** – Acknowledge when you're not at your best and take extra precautions

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

Make sure your vehicle is stocked with the following items:

- ANTI-GEL FUEL ADDITIVE (FOR DIESEL ENGINES)
- EXTRA HEADLIGHT BULBS AND FUSES
- PERSONAL SURVIVAL GEAR
 - FOOD AND WATER
 - CELL PHONE WITH A FULLY-CHARGED BATTERY
 - STURDY BOOTS
 - HAT AND GLOVES
 - HEADLAMP OR FLASHLIGHT
 - A BLANKET
 - MEDICINE (IF APPLICABLE)
- SAFETY FLARES OR REFLECTIVE TRIANGLES
- TIRE CHAINS
- WIPER BLADES & ANTIFREEZE WIPER FLUID

THROUGHOUT THE DAY

- LIGHTS** – Remove ice, snow, and road film from your tail lights, reflectors, marker lights, and headlights
- WEATHER** – Check the forecast again to see if conditions have changed

PRE-TRIP PREPARATION

- CHAINS** – Confirm if you'll be traveling through a state that requires drivers carry chains. Inspect your chains and look for bent or broken links.
- PERSONAL HABITS** – Mentally rehearse winter maneuvers: turning into skids, using three points of contact when entering/exiting the vehicle, and increasing following distance when visibility turns bad.
- TIRES** – Confirm tires have adequate tread for winter driving. If they're down to the wear indicators, replace before driving in winter weather.

MEDIUM-DUTY TRUCKS

Additional Procedures

PRE-TRIP PREPARATION

- BATTERY** – Make sure your battery box cover is secure and isn't cracked or damaged
- FUEL ADDITIVE** – Always carry anti-gel fuel additive

DAILY INSPECTION

- BRAKES** – Check all slack adjusters
- BRAKES WITH AIR DRYER** – Drain air tanks daily