

Winter-Ready Checklist

Install winter tires

Get the grip you need throughout the colder months. Look for the three-peak mountain symbol to indicate designated winter tires and all-weather tires that have passed snow traction tests.



Read the symbols

Look for the new ice grip symbol to find tires that deliver superior braking performance on ice. This symbol may not be on all new winter tires.



Check vehicle alignment

As road conditions worsen, vehicle alignment is even more important. Misaligned vehicles can pull to one side, leading to dangerous driving situations especially in winter.

Recommended tread depth

Transport Canada says tires worn close to 5/32" (4 mm) should not be used on snow-covered roads. Winter tires are half worn and can be replaced at 7/32".



Replace wiper blades

Visibility makes all the difference in safe winter driving. Rubber should be changed at the outset of the season to effectively wipe away rain, snow and sleet.



Maintain tire pressure

Low tire pressure can impact handling, fuel economy and tire life—and lower temperatures can reduce the pressure in your tires. Ensure your tires are properly inflated with monthly pressure checks.



Get a brake check

Help ensure your vehicle can stop in time on snow and ice with all braking components in optimum condition.



Get a battery check

Secure battery connections and healthy battery life go a long way in keeping your vehicle running, especially as the temperatures really drop. Automotive service providers can test your battery life and make recommendations.



Top up fluids

Give your engine and other systems the lubrication they need to perform at their best with fresh and regularly topped up fluids.



Pack an emergency kit

Ensure you have the essentials for getting through a roadside emergency in the winter, including a first aid kit, flashlight, jumper cables, blankets, gloves and a shovel.