

Winter Driving Tips

Pre-Trip

- Keep your vehicle's gas tank at least half full at all times.
- Make sure windshield fluid is full.
- Winterize your car by fully charging the battery and checking tire air pressure.
- Use deicer or heat your key with a match or lighter to open frozen locks. DO NOT use water, even if it is hot.
- Keep emergency driving supplies such as ice scrapers, snow brushes, blankets, shovels, jumper cables, flares, sand, extra clothing, deicer, matches, candles, flashlights, cell phone, water and non-perishable food in your vehicle.
- Listen to weather reports before heading out.

While on the Road

- Remember that bridges and ramps freeze before roads.
- If your vehicle gets stuck, ease or “rock” out of spaces. Spinning the tires only digs a car deeper in the snow.
- If your vehicle won't budge after rocking it, try to seek help or use your cell phone.
- Keep a safe distance of 50 feet from snow removal equipment and the car in front of you. It takes longer to stop on wet or icy roads.
- When skidding, steer your vehicle in the direction you want to go. DO NOT slam on the brakes.
- Allow plenty of time to reach your destination.
- Keep your cell phone charged or keep a charger in the vehicle.
- SLOW DOWN.