

WINTER DRIVING SAFETY

Winter weather is affecting most parts of Canada. There are many safety issues to be aware of and prepare for during this time of year.



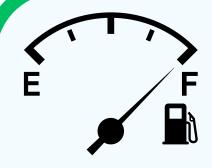
CHECK BRAKES

- Before heading out in snowy or icy conditions, gently stomp your brakes in a safe area to feel the stopping distance.
- Avoid riding the brakes, and use engine braking to help control momentum on inclines and when slowing down.



WINTER TIRES

- Immediately replace tires that have worn treads.
- Always install your winter tires in a set of four, not two.
- Don't mix tires with different size, tread or construction.
- Check air pressure at least monthly to improve safety and reduce wear.



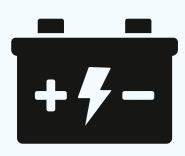
STAY FUELED UP

- Keeping your fuel tank at least half full is crucial. This helps prevent condensation and potential fuel line freezing, especially when temperatures drop.
- A full tank or at least half-full allows you to run the engine for warmth if you become stranded.



CHANGE YOUR OIL

- Ensure the engine is warm to facilitate better oil flow and contaminant removal.
- Use winter-grade oil, which is formulated to maintain better viscosity at lower temperatures, ensuring smoother engine operation.



CHECK BATTERY

• Ensure your battery is fully charged, properly maintained, and protected from cold weather. This includes testing the battery, cleaning terminals, avoiding short trips, and considering a battery maintainer or trickle charger.



COMPACT SHOVEL AND ICE SCRAPER

- Remove snow and ice from your windshield, lights, roof, and hood before driving.
- A shovel can be essential for digging your car out if it gets stuck, whether it's in a parking lot, on a road, or even in a snowbank.