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# Winter Vehicle Readiness Plan

Maintenance, tires, lights and the equipment you depend on in winter.

Complete while parked. Tick only verified items; note N/A or needed work below. Follow your owner's manual.

VEHICLE _____ DATE _____

## 01 MAINTENANCE & FLUIDS

- ☐ **Scheduled service.** Check the manual's time / mileage schedule. Book overdue oil/filter changes, inspections and other required service.
- ☐ **Oil level.** Check as the manual directs; use the specified oil. Mark N/A for vehicles without engine oil.
- ☐ **Coolant.** Have level, leaks and freeze protection checked. Never remove a hot cooling-system cap.
- ☐ **Other fluids.** Check brake, transmission and power-steering fluids where applicable, as directed. Have low levels or leaks investigated.
- ☐ **Battery & charging.** Have a technician check the starting battery, charging system and belts.
- ☐ **Brakes & exhaust.** Arrange inspection for wear or leaks. Have warning lights, unusual sounds or braking changes assessed before driving.

## 02 TIRES, LIGHTS & VISIBILITY

- ☐ **Cold tire pressure.** Use a gauge after at least 3 hours parked. Match the door-label/manual pressure, not the tire-sidewall maximum.
- ☐ **Tire condition.** Check tread, wear and damage, including the spare if fitted. Ask about winter tires and local requirements.
- ☐ **Lights & hazards.** Test low/high beams, tail/brake/reverse lights, signals and hazard flashers. Check trailer lights if towing.
- ☐ **Wipers & washer fluid.** Replace streaking blades; fill with winter washer fluid rated for local cold.
- ☐ **Visibility & cabin.** Test heat and defrosters. Clear snow/ice from the whole vehicle and sensors/cameras; secure floor mats.
- ☐ **Fuel / charge.** Allow reserve for cold and delays. Keep your phone, winter kit and needed medicines accessible.

### RECORD COLD TIRE PRESSURES

Units (psi / kPa): _____

Manual/label target: front _____ rear _____ Actual: front L _____ R _____ rear L _____ R _____

Spare: check its own specified pressure, if fitted. Recheck tires monthly and after major temperature changes.

**NEXT SCHEDULED SERVICE** _____ **DUE DATE** _____ **ODOMETER (mi / km)** _____

**NEEDS ATTENTION / N/A** _____

**ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE / PHONE** _____

Use a qualified technician for checks beyond your skills. This is a maintenance aid, not a vehicle safety certification.

Sources: NHTSA: Winter Driving Tips | Transport Canada: Preparing Your Vehicle
Print on Letter paper; use Fit for A4. Fill digitally in a compatible PDF reader or write by hand.



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