

## **Winter Car Safety**

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# The City of Davenport would like to help keep Davenport's citizens safe this winter.

#### Make a winterization appointment or follow these tips:



- ☐ Check your tires:
  - How is your tire tread? A simple check is to place a penny in between treads. If you can see the top of Lincoln's head your tire has 4/32nd of an inch or less remaining and the tire is hazardous
  - Make sure tires are properly inflated. As the temperature falls, tire air pressure can drop as much as 1 psi for every 10 degrees the temperature falls
- ☐ Make sure your heat and defrost work
- ☐ Check your windshield wiper blades most blade manufacturers recommend replacement at least every 12 months
- ☐ Check your fluids:
  - Windshield washer
  - Use washer fluid with a lower freezing point of -25 when possible
  - ◆ Oil
  - ◆ Antifreeze
  - ◆ Brake fluid
- Do You See These Signs Of Wear?

  Streaking
  Cracked and hardened rubber leaves bands of water

  Chattering
  Rubber develops a set or curve that causes blade to skip and vibrate

  Squeaking
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  Split Rubber
  Age or physical damage that results in unwiped areas areas
- ☐ Consider washing and waxing to prevent salt corrosion
- $\hfill\square$  Have the battery tested many automotive stores will do this for you

# Keep your gas tank over half full.



## Must haves

- Jumper cables (or a jump starter kit)
- Spare tire
- Lock deicer
- Flashlight
- © Cell phone charger
- Mittens, hats, boots
- Blankets

- Sand or Kitty Litter
- Snacks
- Snow shovel
- Ice scraper/Snow Brush
- First Aid Kit
- Extra windshield wiper fluid