

Winter travel can be tough on car and driver, to prepare:

- Check your tires and make sure your chains fit before the first winter storm and check tire pressure during cold weather. Remember, tire shops and mechanics are busiest just before and during winter storms.
- Get a vehicle winter maintenance check-up. Don't wait to check your battery, belts, hoses, radiator, lights, brakes, heater/defroster and wipers.
- Keep your fuel tank full. Don't let it fall below half a tank on winter trips.
- Program your radio for traffic reports and emergency messages.

WINTER SAFETY TIPS:

• Pay attention

-Call 511 or Safe Travel USA before leaving on your trip to get current road conditions. (<https://www.safetravelusa.com/>)

• Turn on your headlights and wear your seat belt.

(Your headlights might not automatically turn on during daylight hours. Turn them on manually to make sure they are on.)

• Turn off your cruise control.

• Snowplows - Stay back, stay alive

-Snowplows travel much slower than the posted speeds because it is most effective for clearing roads. The driver's field of vision is severely restricted behind the truck, and the driver must rely on mirrors to see to the rear and side of the truck.

-Be patient, and remember snowplows are working to improve road conditions for you.

-Stay back at least 10 car lengths between your vehicle and a plow.

• Stay behind the snowplow. The road behind a snowplow is safer to drive on.

-Stay alert for snowplows that turn or exit frequently and often with little warning. They also may travel over centerlines or partially in traffic to further improve road conditions.

-Slow down to a safe speed for current conditions. Snowplows typically move at slower speeds.

-Never drive into a snow cloud.

• Wait for the plow to pull over to let traffic go by.

-You never know if someone is driving with their headlights off or pulling into traffic from a side road!

Thank you and Stay Safe!

WHAT TO CARRY IN YOUR CAR



Because you never know when you will encounter winter weather or emergency road closure



full tank of gas



flares



cellphone charger



flashlight



tire chains



water/snacks



ice scraper/
snow brush



first aid kit



boots/gloves/
warm clothes



jumper cables

ALWAYS BE PREPARED FOR A WINTER EMERGENCY!



music/games