

# Car Care Corner

## Preparing Your Car For Rough Weather Ahead

Just like **your shoes** are the only thing between you and the ground,

### YOUR TIRES

are the only thing between your car and the road. Stay one step ahead of the weather and **make sure you have the right gear for the season:**



#### Summer Tires

- For high performance vehicles
- Temperate environment



#### All-Season Tires

- Built for "everyday" driving conditions
- Traction in dry, wet and light-to-moderate winter weather



#### Winter Tires

- Designed for severe cold weather conditions
- Extra traction on ice, snow, slush and very cold wet/dry roads



#### Composite Snow Chains

- Temporary traction aids to navigate treacherous winter roads.



(NAPSA)—Your car can really take a beating from cold, wet weather, so it makes sense to take a few precautions.

These tips can help you prepare:

### 1. Take care of the outside:

Check essential safety components such as your tires, headlights and windshield wipers. Make sure tires are inflated to the correct pressure and have enough tread, that your headlights are bright and that your wipers are in good working condition.

### 2. Make sure you have the right tire:

If you do most of your driving in moderate climates, all-season tires are a good bet for handling dry and wet conditions equally and offering some snow performance. For example, the MICHELIN Premier A/S tire with EverGrip features an evolving tread design and high-traction rubber compound to deliver exceptional levels of wet grip, providing enhanced safety even as the tires wear down. If, however, you'll be driving where the temperatures are consistently below 44 degrees Fahrenheit, you may want to consider switching to winter tires, such as the MICHELIN X-Ice Xi3, to better manage ice and snow.

### 3. Take care of the inside:

Test all the necessary equipment, including your heater and defroster. Check and change, if necessary, all fluids, especially the antifreeze and washer fluid. A cold snap may also be a time your battery shows signs it needs replacing. You can get it checked, free, at many auto parts stores.

### 4. Have a winter-ready kit in the trunk:

Be sure you know where your ice scraper or snow brush can be found. It's not a bad idea to have an extra set of gloves in the trunk, as well as a shovel, ice melt and jumper cables. Consider adding snow chains to your kit. MICHELIN Easy Grip composite snow chains are a lighter alternative to traditional metal chains, with fibers that grip snow and steel clips that are capable of digging into ice.

It's also worth it to get your tires and car checked by a professional to make sure everything is in working order. With a little preparation, you won't get caught when the weather turns.

### Learn More

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