

Is your Vehicle Winter Ready?

To Do List

- ❄ Install winter tires (studded tires season begins Sept 15th & ends May 1st).
- ❄ Get your oil replaced with a “Winter Weight” motor oil.
- ❄ Replace your coolant (Ensure it’s rated for negative temps).
- ❄ Get your battery tested.
- ❄ Install a block heater.
- ❄ Install oil pan heaters.
- ❄ Replace windshield wiper fluid with “de-icing” windshield wiper fluid.
- ❄ Function test your heater and defroster.



The installation [Auto Hobby Shop \(907\) 377-3190](tel:9073773190), along with the [Quick Lane Tire & Auto Center \(907\) 388-2822](tel:9073882822), are great options on base for getting your vehicles winter ready.



Additional Tips

- 🐾 Maintain a minimum of a half of tank of gas at all times. This can prevent your fuel lines from freezing and makes starting your car a little easier.
- 🐾 Keep an [emergency kit](#) in your car in case you get stranded. It could save a life!
- 🐾 While traveling, remember that cell service is limited in many parts of Alaska. Plan accordingly. Consider alternate means of communication such as a satellite phone.
- 🐾 Keep in mind that several major highways are not maintained during the winter months, as a result, travel along these routes is highly discouraged for your safety. Visit dot.alaska.gov for more information.
- 🐾 Get an “Auto Start” system installed on your vehicle. It can feel like a life saver when it’s 40 below, especially if you have small children.
- 🐾 Stay informed by downloading the [“511 Alaska”](#) app.

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