



# Winter Vehicle Preparation Checklist

## Porter County Emergency Management Agency



- Install Winter Wipers
- Mount Winter Tires
- Winter Go-Bag in Vehicle (*See Winter Go-Bag Vehicle Checklist*)
- Snow Scraper in Vehicle
- Snow Brush in Vehicle
- Lock Thaw Accessible
- Fill Washer Fluid with Type for Freezing Temperatures
- Have Auto Repair Facility Run Battery Load Test (*Replace Battery if Indicated*)
- Check Battery Cables & Terminals (*Free of Corrosion & Tight Terminals*)
- Check for Proper Tire Pressure
- Check Tire Treads (*Replace if Less than 3/32" of Tread*)
- Check Belts (*Cracks or Fraying*)
- Check Hoses (*Leaks, Cracks or Loose Clamps*)
- Check Air Filter (*Replace if Clogged or Extremely Dirty*)
- Check Coolant Levels
- Check all Lights (*Inside & Outside*)
- Check Fluids (*Oil, Brake, Transmission, Power Steering*)
- Check Heating System
- Fuel Always More Than Half Full

### Note:

Keep your vehicle fueled above a half tank. On average, a vehicle burns approximately 1/4 gallon of gas for every 15 minutes at idle. Idling the vehicle for 15 minutes each hour may produce enough heat to keep you warm until help can arrive. Ensure your tail pipe is not blocked by snow/ice. It could cause deadly carbon monoxide to back up into the vehicle.