HOW TO GET READY FOR WINTER

Leaves are falling, there’s a chill in the air and the days are growing shorter. That means it’s time for winterizing your truck. Preparing your truck for colder weather can help you keep costs down and improve safety all winter long. Follow these simple tips to get your truck ready.

Remember, while performing your own maintenance can be cost-effective, don’t put your truck or yourself and others at risk. If you’re unsure about performing these safety measures, visit your local Michelin Dealer and let them help you prepare.

**EMERGENCY KIT**
The risk of getting stranded in challenging conditions is much greater in the winter. It’s important that you have all the cold-weather survival supplies you need to handle any situation.

**BATTERY**
Colder temperatures can shorten battery life. Check the condition and age of your battery before winter arrives.

**FUEL FILTER AND WATER SEPARATOR**
Check to make sure the fuel filter is in good condition and monitor the water separator and drain, if necessary.

**FUEL ADDITIVES**
The paraffin in diesel fuel can crystallize at freezing temperatures. Check the cetane rating of the fuel at the pump and add anti-gel fuel additives at each fill-up.

**AIR DRYER**
The air dryer removes contaminants from the air before they can damage the brake system. It’s important to inspect it and replace the filter, if necessary.

**COOLING SYSTEM**
To properly prepare your truck for winter, you’ll need to inspect the cooling system, including the radiator, hoses and clamps. Replace anything that’s worn, damaged or cracked.

**WINDSHIELD**
Winter weather can be tough on wipers. Replace, if necessary. Check that your windshield wiper fluid is filled with a cold-temperature blend.

**TIRES**
Inspect your tires and make sure they are in good shape and properly inflated. Check state requirements for snow chains, and confirm you have the correct size and number of chains in your truck.

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