Winterize Your Vehicle

You may have prepared your home for winter weather; now it’s time to prepare your car. Seasonal changes also mean changes to your emergency supply kit.

*America’s PrepareAthon!* encourages you to update your *vehicle’s emergency kit* with several items, including:

- A shovel;
- Jumper cables;
- A bag of sand or cat litter; and
- Warm clothes.

Avoid many dangerous winter travel problems by planning ahead. Before you hit the road, have a mechanic check items on your vehicle, including:

- **Antifreeze levels** – ensure they are sufficient to avoid freezing;
- **Battery and ignition system** – terminal should be clean;
- **Brakes** – check for wear and fluid level; and
- **Tires** – make sure they have adequate tread.

For more ways to prepare your car for winter weather, check out the *How to Prepare for a Winter Storm* guide from America’s PrepareAthon!