

Winterization Tips to Help Keep You Safe and on the Road

Use Gale's ChiltonLibrary to Prepare Your Vehicle for Cold Weather

Winter weather can be tough on vehicles. Cold temperatures, snow, ice, and rain all increase the risk of breakdowns and accidents. Whether you're a DIYer or just want to stay informed, **ChiltonLibrary** is your go-to resource for vehicle maintenance and repair.

Getting Started with ChiltonLibrary

1. **Visit ChiltonLibrary** through your library's website.
2. **Select your vehicle** using the dropdown menus for year, make, and model.
3. **Search by keyword** (e.g., "battery," "wipers") or browse the left-hand navigation for detailed repair and maintenance procedures.

Battery	Cold weather drains batteries fast. ChiltonLibrary covers battery, starter, alternator, ignition systems Tip: Short trips shorten battery life. Drive at least 30 minutes at highway speeds once a week.
Tires	Good traction prevents skidding. ChiltonLibrary has tire inspection and rotation guidance. Tip: Check tire pressure when cold and switch to winter tires if recommended.
Lights	Seeing and being seen is vital. ChiltonLibrary shows bulb replacement and wiring fixes. Tip: Clean lenses for maximum visibility.
Wipers & Washer Fluid	Wipers are essential for winter visibility. ChiltonLibrary shows blade replacement and fluid specs. Tip: Lift wipers off windshield after parking to avoid freezing.
Oil	Cold thickens oil. ChiltonLibrary lists correct oil type and capacity. Tip: Park on a flat surface when checking oil for an accurate reading.
Antifreeze	Prevents engine freeze-ups. ChiltonLibrary shows correct type and amount. Tip: Antifreeze is poisonous. Clean spills, store safely, and never transfer to an unmarked container.
Heater & Defroster	Keep HVAC and defroster systems working. ChiltonLibrary covers maintenance. Tip: Your A/C powers the defroster—maintain it even in winter.
Recalls	Check for outstanding recalls. ChiltonLibrary's VIN decoder pulls real-time NHTSA data. Tip: Dealers repair recalls at no charge and may provide a loaner vehicle.

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