

Universal Technical Institute Helps Drivers Prepare for Winter with Essential Tips for Vehicle Safety

PHOENIX, Nov. 19, 2024 /PRNewswire/ -- As winter weather begins across the United States and the Holiday travel season kicks off, [Universal Technical Institute](#), the transportation, skilled trades, and energy education division of [Universal Technical Institute, Inc.](#), is sharing several winter vehicle maintenance and emergency preparedness recommendations.

"Winter weather presents unique challenges for vehicles and drivers," said automotive instructor **Bernard Thompson** from UTI-Lisle outside Chicago. "Thanksgiving travel is just around the corner, and with a few simple precautions, motorists can help reduce the risk of winter breakdowns and ensure they've prepared for roadside emergencies."

Winter Vehicle Recommendations

- **Check the Battery:** Cold weather strains weak batteries, increasing the likelihood of a breakdown. Have your battery tested before winter hits, and replace it if needed.
- **Cold Weather Lessons EV Range.** Take this into account when planning a long drive.
- **Check your Spare Tire:** Make sure the spare tire has air.
- **Use Winter Tires:** For temperatures below 45 degrees, winter tires can significantly improve traction and stability. Ensure all tires have at least 3/32 tread depth or as recommended by the manufacturer.
- **Maintain Fluid Levels:** Keep the fuel tank at least half-full to prevent fuel line freeze-up. Use winter-rated windshield washer fluid and maintain a 50/50 coolant-to-water mix in the radiator to protect the engine.
- **Check Lights and Visibility:** Dim or foggy lights can reduce visibility. Check all lights, replace bulbs as needed, and install fresh wiper blades to handle snow and ice buildup. Scrape ice build-up off headlights in addition to the windshield before driving.

Winter Emergency Kit Essentials: For added safety, UTI recommends that drivers carry an emergency kit in their vehicles, including items such as:

- Flashlight, map, phone charger, and jumper cables
- Emergency flares, reflective vest, or triangles
- Ice scraper, snow brush, and a small shovel
- Thermal blanket, gloves, hats, coats, and water-resistant shoes
- Bottled water, non-perishable food, and basic tool and first aid kits

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