



Winter Driving

Check and repair as needed:

- Windshield wipers
 - Winter windshield washer fluid
 - Defroster (front and rear)
 - Heater
 - Exhaust (carry CO detector)
 - Tire inflation and tread quality
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- A photograph of a parking lot during a snowfall. Several cars are parked, their roofs and windshields covered in a layer of snow. The background shows more cars and trees, all partially obscured by the falling snow. The overall scene is a winter parking area.

Carry standard equipment:

- Ice scraper
 - Snow brush
 - Shovel
 - Kitty litter, burlap
 - Towels
 - Water
 - Food
 - Extra clothes
 - Fleece liners
 - Gortex rain gear
 - Chemical heat pak
 - First Aid kit
 - Fire extinguisher
 - Cell phone
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And don't forget to:

- Carry extra keys on your person
- Auto club makes plastic door keys
- Top off fuel when tank is half full
- Use 'ops check' so you can be tracked
- *If stuck, stay with vehicle!!*

Driving techniques:

- Increase distance between cars
- Change speed, direction
SLOWLY!
- Start in second, third gear
- To slow, EASE off gas

More driving techniques:

- Brake slowly, pulse pedal lightly unless ABS installed
- Beware of road surface changes: asphalt, concrete and bridge surface coefficients of friction differ – brake effectiveness differs
- In a skid, EASE off gas, brakes; turn slowly in direction of the skid

Chain control areas:

- California, Nevada High Patrol can require chain use in some areas
- Professional chain installers **CANNOT** sell or rent chains
- If you use installers, get receipt and badge number



Before starting trip:

Check road
conditions

Caltrans hotline:

1-800-427-



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