

BACK ROAD RAMBLERS

Winter Road Trip Maintenance

Tires - Have snow tires mounted and check tire pressure

Fluids - Are your fluid reservoirs full? Check wiper fluid, oil, transmission fluid, and coolant.

Wipers - Do they need to be replaced?

Brakes - Check for squeaking and grinding.

Battery - Check terminals and cables for corrosion.

Hoses - They should be firm, but bendable. Feel near clamps for mushy spots and have them replaced as necessary.

Lights - Be sure all of your lights work, including brake lights, headlights, high beams, and turn signals.

Belts - Check belts to be sure they aren't cracked or frayed.

Road Trip Car Checklist

- Your AAA card and emergency phone numbers
- Fully-inflated spare tire
- Towels and rags for spills, dirty windows, etc.
- Extra fluids - motor oil, washer fluid, antifreeze, and transmission fluid
- Jumper cables
- Emergency blankets
- Emergency firestarter kit
- Basic tools - include a hammer, wrenches, pliers, and screw drivers
- A flashlight with a fully-charged battery
- A fully-charged cell phone and a car charger
- A paper map detailing your trip
- Extra food and drinking water
- Warning light or flares in case you break down on the roadside
- First aid kit