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# Monthly Safety Blast

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## Winterize Work Equipment and Vehicles

Winter temperatures come as no surprise; however, many of us are not ready for their arrival. If you are prepared for the hazards of winter, you will be more likely to stay safe and healthy when temperatures start to fall. Winter storms and lower temperatures can be hazardous to your machines and your body. Prepare your work equipment for colder weather and pack a winter emergency kit to protect yourself.

### Prepare Work Equipment and Vehicles for Winter

- Service the radiator and maintain antifreeze level; check tire tread or, if necessary, replace tires with all-weather or snow tires.
- Keep gas tank full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines.
- Use a wintertime formula in your windshield washer.
- Prepare a winter emergency kit to keep in work vehicles in case you become stranded in the woods or fields.

### The Winter Emergency Kit should include:

- cell phone
- portable charger
- extra batteries
- blankets
- non-perishable snacks/food
- water
- booster cables
- tire pump
- bag of sand (for traction)
- compass and maps
- flashlight
- battery-powered radio
- first-aid kit



**While winterizing equipment can save you time and money; preparing a winter emergency kit can actually save your life.**



Take the [Winterize Work Equipment and Vehicles quiz](#) to test your knowledge!

**Resources:**

- [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)
- [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov)

**Disclaimer:** The facts and information listed above are merely suggestions for your safety, but are in no way a comprehensive and exhausted list of all actions needed to insure your safety.

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