

Spring Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance

Winter's cold temperatures, icy roads, and salt can take a toll on work vehicles. When spring arrives, do a seasonal inspection and maintenance check to help ensure vehicles are ready and safe for the new season's demands. Use these tips and our [Vehicle Inspections and Maintenance Tool Kit](#) to help identify and fix potential problems.

Item	What to do
Remove winter tires.	Winter tire regulations require winter tires on many highways until March 31, and on select routes through mountain passes or high snowfall areas until April 30. After that, and when road and weather conditions no longer require additional traction, you can change back to your summer or all-season tires. Check the tread depth, wear, and air pressure of the new tires. Consider rotating them from the position they were in when last used. Replace if necessary.
De-winterize the vehicle.	Remove sandbags and any other weight you used for additional traction. Remove your ice scraper and snow brush from the vehicle and store them somewhere you'll be able to find them in the fall.
Give vehicle a thorough washing.	Salt can be highly corrosive, especially if it accumulates under vehicles or in cracks and grooves. Wash the exterior and give the underbody a thorough rinse. This is also a good time to wash out any grime that's accumulated under the hood.
Clean/repair the windshield.	Fix any rock chips and wash the windows inside and out to ensure you have the best visibility.
Top up washer fluid, clean wipers.	Add summer washer fluid, which is formulated for better results in warmer weather. Clean or change your wiper blades.
Get a spring tune-up.	Change the oil. Check belts and hoses, brakes, air filter, lights, etc. Lubricate door hinges.
Update vehicle emergency kit.	Remove winter contents. Make sure summer contents are on hand and haven't expired.

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