



Vehicle Winterization and Winter Driving Tips

Follow these cold weather tips to help make this time of year pass by smoothly for you and your drivers.

Vehicle Winterization

Use a Winter Fuel Blend

- ✓ If you fuel at a location other than Ryder, make sure to use a winter fuel blend. Ryder's fuel is blended for cold temperatures and a cloud point additive is included to prevent fuel filter waxing.
- ✓ Ryder completes a ten point inspection while fuelling vehicles at our service islands. The inspections help identify small problems that may hinder vehicle performance.

Ryder will fill your vehicle's windshield washer reservoir when fuelling at a Ryder service island. Fill up does not apply to extra containers.

Scheduled Preventative Maintenance

- ✓ Ensure each Ryder vehicle is brought in for normal PM work. Properly serviced vehicles operate more efficiently in the cold weather.

Use the Engine Block Heaters

- ✓ All diesel units need to be plugged in when the temperature is 0°C or below. Plug in vehicles immediately at the end of the day.
- ✓ Whenever possible, drivers should plug units in when out on the road. If drivers cannot locate a place to plug in, run the vehicle all night, raising the idle to 1000 RPM.
- ✓ In extreme cold temperatures, vehicles equipped with "Glow Plugs" may require to cycle the glow plug system several times.

Winter Driving

Perform a Pre-Trip Inspection

- ✓ Keep a full fuel tank
- ✓ Drain air brake air tanks daily to prevent moisture from freezing in the air system
- ✓ Check the function of external engine or cab heaters, wipers, and defrosters. Notify Ryder of issues with a Drivers Vehicle Condition Report.
- ✓ Check tire pressure and wiper fluid levels
- ✓ Carry a windshield scraper, boots, warm clothes and food, in case of emergency

Winter Driving Tips

- ✓ Turn on lights in poor weather conditions
- ✓ Steer, accelerate and brake smoothly
- ✓ Reduce speed and increase following distance
- ✓ Watch for trailer pushing on curves and turns
- ✓ Use caution on overpasses, bridges and shaded areas
- ✓ Watch for melting or hard-packed snow and strong side winds
- ✓ Keep your eyes moving to avoid "snow hypnosis"