

Some people will tell you that the most beautiful time of the year is just about here. The colorful leaves, the crisp air, the smell of wood burning. Then there is also the time change, less day light, colder days, frost in the morning, the cost of fuel and home heating oil going up and then the dreaded snow. Okay so tell me again, why is it the most beautiful time of the year? If you are like me, you are dreading the next several months. I don't really mind the cold; it is the snow that I mind. So with the winter coming I just want to remind you, is your vehicle ready for winter? Here is a list to think about. Have you had your antifreeze check lately? We do a Ph factor to tell how good your antifreeze is. How about your battery? Cold weather is extremely hard on batteries. Corroded terminals and connection present strain on batteries. How are your tires, is your tire pressure right, is the tread good enough to give you good traction in the snow? Think of your tires as shoes. When your shoes wear out, your feet start to hurt, sometimes even your legs and lower back and at times when the ground is wet, you could slip and fall because the soles are worn. Well tires are the shoes of your car. Are your belts in good condition? How about your wipers, do they clean your windows well? Make sure that you clean off your window first and let the defroster help with that before you turn on your wipers so you don't tear your blades. I've already seen people drive with the window full of snow/ice and am reaching out the window to try to clean it off. Sometimes people turn them on as soon as they start the vehicle and that can tear the blades, especially if there is ice on your windshield. Do you have a four wheel drive vehicle and if so have you tested that lately? Make sure you have flash light with fresh batteries, a blanket, some bottle water and a few snack bars so if you do breakdown, you have supplies and something to keep you warm until you are rescued. So in general, make sure your vehicle is prepared for the winter weather and hopefully you will not get stranded on the coldest night of the season. You can contact Dave at davesautos@aol.com and coming soon will be our website.

Happy Holidays from Dave's Auto Service, Inc.