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## O'REILLY RECOMMENDS PREPARING YOUR VEHICLE FOR WINTER WEATHER BEFORE IT ARRIVES

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**Springfield, MO, November 5, 2008** – As the days grow shorter and temperatures begin to drop, much of the nation is gearing up for the winter months ahead. Homes must be protected against the potential damaging effects of ice, snow, sleet and rain, but what about the effect these conditions have on your vehicle and your ability to drive it? Cold weather makes existing problems worse, so whether you've been putting off a major repair or just need a bit of seasonal service, prepare for winter's chill now to save time, money and hassle down the road.

To keep your car running smoothly during the cold months ahead, check the following areas to make sure they are in good condition and working properly:

**Tires.** Tire pressure drops along with the outdoor temperature, so check often for proper inflation. Get a wheel alignment to optimize steering on slick surfaces, rotate the tires for maximum life and performance and replace them immediately if the tread is excessively worn. Consider special tires if snow and ice are a problem in your area.

**Oil and Filter.** Drivers in cold climates may notice a change in vehicle performance, so check your owner's manual for the recommended viscosity of oil that's appropriate for winter temperatures. Using the correct grade and a fresh filter will lead to better fuel efficiency, easier cold starts and a more efficient, longer running engine.

**Antifreeze.** The number one cause of engine-related breakdowns is cooling system failure. The best way to prevent this is to have your antifreeze flushed with a good chemical cleaner and filled with at least a 50/50 mix every two years. In very cold climates, adjusting the ratio of antifreeze to water is necessary for peak performance.

**Windshield Wipers.** A blast of wintry weather will quickly wear down and crack blades, so stash an extra set in the trunk for emergencies or switch to special snow blades during the winter months. Keep the windshield washer reservoir filled with freeze-resistant wiper fluid so you always have a clear view of the road and nearby traffic.

**Battery.** Batteries lose cranking power as the thermometer dips, so if yours is more than three years old, have it checked by a qualified technician to ensure it's in good working order and will continue to provide dependable starts and optimal performance. For routine care, scrape away corrosion from posts, clean the surfaces and tighten cable connections.

**Brakes.** Worn brakes are dangerous under normal driving conditions, but they can create an especially hazardous situation on snow and ice. If you experience dragging, squealing, pulling, grinding or a pulsating brake pedal, have the system checked by a professional before you encounter nasty weather.

**Emergency Kit.** Keep your vehicle stocked with simple emergency supplies in the event you do get stalled or have an accident. In addition to a good spare tire (properly inflated) and a working jack, your trunk should

include some or all of the following items: blanket, boots and gloves, ice scraper, jumper cables, first aid kit, flashlight, flares, cell phone, basic tools, kitty litter, bottled water and high-energy snacks.

The holiday months can be stressful enough without mixing in the challenges of car trouble. To avoid unexpected automotive problems this winter, take our advice and prepare your vehicle for poor weather conditions before they arrive.

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