

# Truck checklist for every season



## Winter

From tires to fluids, here are several important items to check before heading out on ice-covered roads:



**Winter tires:** Install winter or all-season tires for better traction in snow and ice.



**Tire chains:** Carry tire chains, especially if traveling through mountainous regions where they may be required by law.



**Battery health:** Cold weather impacts battery efficiency. Test the battery and replace if necessary.



**Antifreeze/coolant:** Check antifreeze levels to prevent frozen engine.



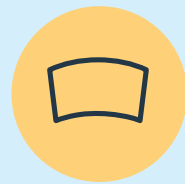
**Heater functionality:** Ensure the heating system works efficiently to keep cabin warm.



**Defrosters:** Verify that both front and rear defrosters are operational.

## Spring

Winter conditions can cause minor damage to vehicles that could become a problem later if not addressed. While transitioning to spring, here are a few things to check (and pack):



**Windshield inspection:** After winter, inspect your windshield for any cracks or chips caused by ice or road debris and repair.



**Wiper blades:** Replace worn-out blades damaged by winter conditions.



**Oil Change:** Spring is a great time for an oil change, especially if you've been using winter-grade oil.



**Brake inspection:** Check for wear and rust, and ensure that brake pads and rotors are in good working order.



**Raincoat or poncho:** Spring weather often brings heavy rain, so pack a waterproof jacket for outdoor work.



**Reflective gear:** Rainy and foggy conditions reduce visibility, so keep reflective vests or jackets on hand.

## Summer

For summer driving, focusing on staying cool and hydrated is the most important checklist item:



**Air conditioning:** Test the A/C to ensure it's working well for comfort during long, hot drives.



**Water and hydration:** Keep plenty of water on board. Hydration is critical in high temperatures.



**Sun protection:** Carry sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat to protect against sun exposure.



**Fire extinguisher:** Ensure a fire extinguisher is easily accessible due to higher fire risks in the heat.

## Fall

For fall, long-haul truck drivers need to be prepared for changing temperatures, wet roads, and unpredictable weather conditions:



**Truck lights:** Check all lights (headlights, taillights, and signals) to ensure maximum visibility during shorter days and foggy settings.



**Flashlight:** Keep a good flashlight with extra batteries for roadside assistance in darker, early evenings.

These practical tips aren't the only way to stay safe on the road throughout the year. Fleet managers can and should provide ancillary support to help drivers stay safe and productive no matter the season.