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Here are some tips from the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) - the n

* Read your owner's manual and follow the manufacturer's recommended service schedules. Change

* Get problems such as hard starts, rough idling, stalling and diminished power corrected at a

* Replace all dirty filters.

* Put a bottle of fuel de-icer in your tank once a month to help keep moisture from freezing i

* Have the cooling system flushed and refilled as recommended. Periodically check the level, c

* Have a certified auto technician check the tightness and condition of drive belts, clamps an

* Make sure that the heater and defroster are in good working condition.

* As part of routine battery care, scrape away corrosion from posts and cable connections; cle

Note that removal of cables can cause damage or loss of data on some newer vehicles, so check

* Examine the exhaust system for leaks. The trunk and floorboards should be inspected for smal

* Examine the tires' tread and look for uneven wearing and cupping. Also, check the sidewalls

* Check tire pressure once a month. Let the tires "cool down" before checking them. Don't forg

* Prepare for emergencies. Stock your car with gloves, boots, blankets, flares, a small shovel

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