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Prepare Your Road Maintenance Equipment for Winter

A bit of planning and preparation can go a long way in avoiding costly issues associated with extreme weather. Here's a checklist to keep in mind when you're getting your fleet ready for the winter season.

Fluids

- Check the engine oil and filters for proper viscosity, levels, and filter condition
- Flush fluids and fill with proper fluid viscosity for winter
- Top up all fluid levels and regularly keep an eye on them, including the radiator, transmission, brake, oil, and hydraulic fluids
- Ensure there are no fuel, oil, or transmission leaks
- Equip mechanical fuel/water separators and fuel warmers to diesel engines
- Change the oil on 4-cycle engines
- Use or add fuel stabilizers as needed for winter weather conditions

Batteries

- Ensure your batteries are in good condition and strong to last the winter months
- Charge all batteries completely and remove any dirt or corrosion

Interior Checks

- Ensure chains, spinners, and belts are in good condition and are properly adjusted
- Check belts for wear and make sure they are in good condition
- Review the heater and make sure it is operational
- Check fan belts for condition, tension, and alignment
- Check brakes, including the parking brake, for optimal operation

Exterior Checks

- Examine windshield wipers for splits and cracks, and replace them where needed
- Test all lights and switches
- Lubricate all points and moving parts on the machine
- Fix minor repair items
- Clean all mirrors and windows
- Equip winter tires if you plan on operating machinery in snowy or icy weather
- Check tire pressure regularly to ensure optimal performance, alignment, steering, and traction

Other Adjustments

While some small repairs may not be able to be completed by winter, it's important to keep track. Make a list of repairs that still need to be done so that they can be completed as soon as possible.

For more information on how to prepare for winter, contact Amaco by calling or texting us at **(905) 670-3440** or emailing us at info@amacocei.com.

We're happy to offer our services to help you get ready for the cold!