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Well, the Fall season is finally here, which brings to mind the importance of our vehicle's coolant system. To avoid costly engine repairs, not only does the coolant need to have the right mixture, but it also needs to have the right "ph balance" to fight metal corrosion. Both the ph and the mixture can be tested easily, and best of all - *Its free!* If a problem is found, it should be taken care of with *a coolant flush*.



When winter hits, several items need to be checked:

- 1. First, *the battery*. If the battery is weak or has some age, it can leave you stranded without warning.
- 2. Second, the tires. When cold weather comes, it tends to bring the air pressures down in our tires. Make sure they are properly adjusted to specification. Also, the tread on the tires needs to be checked to make sure they can handle snow and wet weather. Tires need to have at least 2/32 of tread to move water away from the tire to allow the rubber to meet the road. If not, the car could hydroplane.

When getting your oil changed, these items along with belts and hoses should be checked as part of your routine maintenance. If not, you should seriously consider a change in service providers. A true oil change takes *longer* than 10 minutes if they are checking and recommending services. Also, when a service is recommended and you feel uneasy about it, get a second opinion. Never feel obligated or pushed into a service you feel is unnecessary. It's your money, your vehicle, and you make the decisions for both!

Happy Motoring!

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