

# CAMPUS & COMMUNITY

## Helpful Tips for a Winter Ready Vehicle

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Winter is nearing, meaning it's time to prep your car and your mind by knowing these things!

As Northlanders and upper classmen know, the Twin Ports area is infamous for vicious winters. Last winter, the Twin Ports received intense snowstorms leaving people and their vehicles stuck and stranded. By taking action to prep your car now, you can rest assured of a safer winter.

Make sure your windshield washer fluid is set for cold conditions. If you have washer fluid that is only good for summer temps, it would be a good idea to get some fluid that is good for at least -25 degrees Fahrenheit. This will ensure that your hose lines don't freeze up and that you can consistently have a clean windshield.

Keep a bag of sand in your car so that if you do happen to get stuck, you can pour some



The 2022-2023 winter season dropped 68 inches of snow onto Superior, according to the National Weather Service. Stock Photo from Pixabay

By keeping a warm, heavy blanket in the back of your car, you can ensure that you're warm if needed. It's also not a bad idea to keep an extra sweater as well.

This may sound like common knowledge but keep a snow/ice scraper in your car so that you can scrape all of the ice and snow off of your vehicle to enable full visibility.

And remember to never pour hot or boiling water on your windshield and that can cause your windshield to develop cracks or worsen current ones.

vehicle if you happen to get stuck. You can get a majority of these things for pretty cheap at your local O'Reilly's or AutoZone.

UW-Superior Chief of Police, Chief Eickman, says the UWS Grounds Crew is very responsive to the weather, and they work hard to clear all of the parking lots and roads clear of snow for safe travel, while also making sure that they're safe as well.

"During periods of rapid or continuous snowfall, there are times when it is not possible to plow lots immediately," says Chief Eickman.

However, if a vehicle gets stuck, it is up to the vehicle operator/owner to get it out as soon as possible at their own effort and/or expense to allow the whole lot to be plowed.

You can grab some friends to help you get it out, but no University staff or University-owned vehicle can assist in towing or pushing out stuck vehicles.

Vehicles that are left outside of parking spaces will be ticketed or towed if they interfere with lot clearing.

UWS will send out a mass email in events of parking lots being plowed. Flyers will also be placed around resident halls.

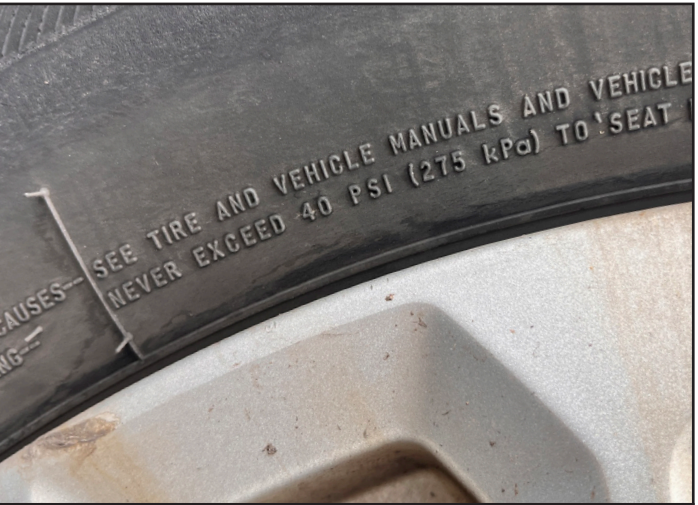


Duluth beat their record of snowiest winter on record on April 20, 2023. Total snowfall was 137.1 inches, breaking the 135.4 inch snow season from 1995-1996. Promethean File from 2023

sand behind your front tires for traction. This can help you drive over the snow when you get stuck.

Speaking of tires, it's good to know whenever your vehicle is front, back, or four-wheel drive. If your car is front-wheel drive, you could upgrade your front tires to winter tires so that you can have a better grip in the snow. This will provide traction.

Maintaining good tire pressure can also aid traction. New vehicle models can display your tire pressure for each tire. If your vehicle doesn't supply that, a tire pressure gage might be handy. And in the event your tires do need air, most gas stations have air pumps in our area.



Your car's owner manual or the sticker inside the driver's door should provide the maximum tire pressure that you should use for your car. Otherwise, you can also find it on the tires itself. Photo by Drew Kerner

## OPINION | Fall Bucket List

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There's no better place to experience Fall than the Twin Ports area. In my mind, there's a countless list of fall activities to set the tone for the season. If you're ready to start getting into the fall mood but don't know where to start this bucket list is for you.

**Pattison State Park**  
Explore the vibrant fall foliage on the trails of Pattison State Park, home to Wisconsin's highest waterfall, Big Manitou Falls. This 20-minute drive from campus is the perfect opportunity to clear your head and get a good hike in!



Big Manitou Falls is 165 ft. drop along the Black River. File photo from 2022

**Pumpkin Patch Visits**  
Head to Simek's Farm, to pick pumpkins and enjoy the fun fall activities! When there's a crisp snap in the air, nothing beats a day at the local pumpkin patch. If you're not able to make the haul, no worries! Just stop by the local supermarket and pick out a pumpkin to carve! While you're at it, grab a jug of apple cider!

**Fall Baked Goods**  
Baking and fall go hand in hand. With just a few simple ingredients you can whip up fall in dessert form.

**Billings Park**  
What better way to get into the fall spirit than having a nice picnic at Billings Park! Pack up some sandwiches, chips, a thermos with Apple Cider, and finish it off with those pumpkin bars!

**Fall Baked Goods**  
Get ready for spooky season and watch your favorite scary movie or series, and take in the fall vibes from shows like Gilmore Girls and Hocus Pocus.

**Haunted House**  
Get into the Halloween spirit by visiting The Haunt at Wentworth Gardens or Duluth's Haunted Ship (\$10 W/ student ID). In Carlton, Ru Ridge Corn Maze and the Haunted Shack also looks to scare the community.

**Enjoy the Lakes and Rivers**

Enjoy some quiet time on Lake Superior on the Vista Star, or take advantage of the excellent fall fishing opportunities on the nearby Brule River.

**Foliage Drive**  
Explore the stunning fall colors along the North Shore Scenic Drive, particularly along Highway 61, which offers breathtaking views of Lake Superior. Check out Skyline Drive for an epic view of Duluth.

**Fall Photography**  
Capture the beauty of the season by taking photographs of the changing leaves, wildlife, and scenic landscapes throughout Superior.

**Campfires and S'mores**  
Spend a cozy evening around a campfire at a camping site. Don't forget to make some classic s'mores.

**Enger Tower**  
Hike up Enger Park to visit the Enger Tower, which offers panoramic views of both Duluth and Superior as well as the fall foliage.

**Farmers Market**  
Support our local farmers and check out the Farmers Market! Enjoy the fresh produce and tasty snacks every Wednesday 10:45 am-2 pm located on the 1200 block of Banks Ave.

**Oktoberfest**  
Check out the music, fest games, and craft beer at Earth Rider Brewery from Oct. 13-14.

This Fall Bucket list offers a diverse array of outdoor adventures and community events that capture the essence of autumn in the Northland. With breathtaking foliage, cozy bonfire moments, and lively city celebrations, Superior's fall offerings are a testament to its unique charm and the beauty of the changing seasons. So, grab your flannel and pumpkin spice latte and make unforgettable memories in Superior this fall.



Haunted Ship File photo from 2021