



Michigan Army National Guard

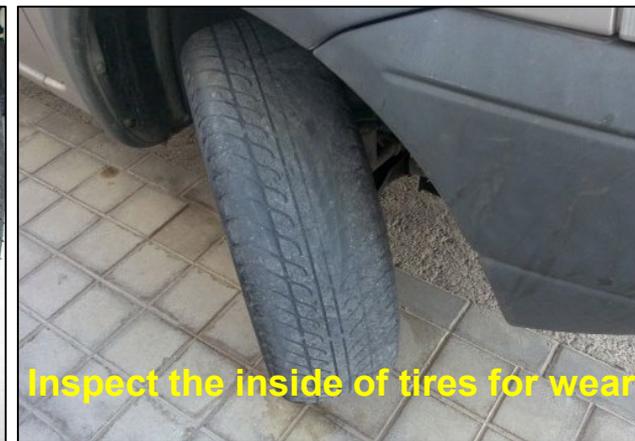
Office of Emergency Management

Winter Preparation - TIRES



TIRE MAINTENANCE-

- Have tires inspected often by a certified tire dealer who uses a **tread depth gauge** for accurate measurements (if they measure depth with a coin – drive away).
- Check air pressure monthly (check drivers door sticker for correct PSI).
- Rotate tires every 6,000 miles (**some tire dealers will do this for free**).
- Assure repairs are done in accordance with U.S. Tire Manufacturers Association guidelines (**some tire dealers will do this for free**).
- Repairs should have a patch inside, never just a single plug.
- Consider replacing tires when tread depth reaches no less than 4/32.
- Vehicles – It is recommended to never run tires more than 10 years old.
- RVs – Recommend replacement every 5 years.
- Assure new tires meet the size and load index requirement for the vehicle (drivers door sticker).



COMMENTS: With winter approaching, vehicle tires should be inspected for safety. Tires are a critical component of a vehicle's performance, especially during snow and ice conditions. Keep you and your passengers safe by having tires inspected frequently. Most authorized tire dealers will conduct free inspections. Ask if they follow the U.S. Tire Manufacturers Association guidelines.

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