

## CIRCLE CITY CYCLES - Seasonal Suggestions:

Regardless of what you ride, there's seasonal climate changes that affects each of them. Results from freezing temperatures causing mechanical failures, humidity changes and the effects it has on fuel, or the lack of use due to the mercury falling fast and the last thing on your mind is riding, each of these climate changes affects your machines ability to perform as designed.

Here at CCC we focus on the things that make your next season's adventure not only possible, but enjoyable as well. Take the time to winterize your machine and maintain that prep throughout the off season and be sure to de-winterize the machine next season to verify that it's mechanically reliable for another great year of adventure for you or your family's peace of mind.

If you're mechanically inclined, and have the proper tools perform the following tips to protect your machine, continue reading below. Otherwise bring it to Circle City Cycles and let our team prep your machine for a long winters nap.

- #1** Drain your fuel tank completely and refill with premium non-ethanol fuel and add the proper amount of fuel stabilizer (add stabilizer before it full and then top off with fuel to completely full).
- #2** Change your engine oil and filter... I know what you're thinking, but you want those harmful engine deposits sitting in your oil -gone. They're corrosive and will cause harm if left inside for long periods of time.
- #3** Check your coolant and verify that it's at the proper level, has the proper 50% antifreeze mixture.

### **#4** Finishes

Motorcycles- Clean and dry your machine well. Coat all the paint and chrome surfaces with a good coat of wax and polish.

ATV/UTV – Clean in around and under everything. The longer you leave dirt and clay [packed in those areas, the harder it becomes to remove it.

Watercraft – Clean and wax the outer surfaces of all painted and metal parts. Run the watercraft on a water supply until warm, drain the water from all hoses, apply a winterization antifreeze.

- #5** Watercraft – Remove the spark plugs and coat engine with fogging preservative oil and reinstall. Spray engine compartment components with fogging oil coating all components to prevent corrosion.
- #6** Battery – remove your conventional battery and verify fluid level and top off liquid with de-ionized water. All other battery types (AGM, Gel, lithium Ion, ect.) do not require fluid level checks. If not already installed, add a good quality battery tender. Charge your battery at least once a month while storing the machine.
- #7** Motorcycles, ATV, & UTV units set your air pressure in your tires to the recommended pressure and reinstall caps. (Nitrogen is a great replacement for regular air fills as the molecules permeate rubber more slowly than oxygen molecules, which require less frequent fills).
- #8** FINALLY... Place your unit in a climate storage facility if possible, away from direct sunlight and keep a reminder in a place to monitor your battery once a month. If you don't have access to a climate controlled area, at the very least cover your unit with an appropriate breathable waterproof cover away from direct sun light and blowing wind and rain.

When Spring Rolls around, a second installment of tips will roll out...