

Ask Sam

“What are some tips for storing equipment during winter months?”
— *Bob, Casper*

Winter can stress equipment. A few late fall practices can make life easier in the spring and extend the life of equipment.

Fall service can include tuning, tire checks, belt and chain checks, oil changes, antifreeze checks, and clean out. Consider using a fuel stabilizer to prevent water accumulation, fouling, and rough starts if leaving fuel in tanks of seldom-used equipment. This includes roto-tillers, ATVs, chippers, pumps, tractors, and other equipment. Clean equipment so problems are exposed. Consider storing seldom-used or seasonal equipment in sheds or under covers that shield from weather.



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If using diesel equipment such as tractors, remember diesel can easily freeze in exposed lines. Shift from Type 2 diesel to a Type 1 diesel and/or a fuel conditioner when hard frosts start to occur.

Place winter equipment with batteries on a trickle charger to ensure they are ready to go when you are. And looking ahead, winter is always a great time to tune, repair, and sharpen spring and summer equipment.

— **Sam**