

Worksheet 7: Vehicle Readiness Checklist

Connecticut winters are serious. Black ice on I-95 and I-91 is common Nov-Mar. Merritt Parkway commercial vehicle ban requires routing knowledge on every Fairfield County run.

DAILY PRE-SHIFT CHECK

- ☐ Fuel level — minimum half tank (I-95 Fairfield County traffic can delay fuel stops significantly)
- ☐ Waze loaded and updated — check I-95, I-91, I-84, and US-1 incidents
- ☐ Connecticut 511 checked (ct.gov/dot) for road conditions and incidents
- ☐ E-ZPass transponder mounted and account funded
- ☐ Route confirmed: NO Merritt Parkway (Route 15) for commercial vehicles
- ☐ Phone fully charged + car charger connected
- ☐ Proof of insurance accessible (glove box)
- ☐ COI (Certificate of Insurance) PDF saved on phone
- ☐ Vehicle exterior clean and professional — Fairfield County clients notice

WEEKLY CHECK

- ☐ Tire condition and pressure (winter: check cold pressure weekly)
- ☐ Coolant / windshield washer fluid (winter-rated)
- ☐ Wiper blades functioning — replace before November
- ☐ Vehicle interior and exterior clean and professional
- ☐ COI / insurance documents current
- ☐ E-ZPass account balance sufficient

CONNECTICUT WINTER CHECKLIST (November – March)

- ☐ All-season tires minimum; winter tires strongly recommended for I-95 and I-91
- ☐ Ice scraper + snow brush in vehicle
- ☐ Emergency kit: blanket, jumper cables, flashlight, water, first aid, traction aid
- ☐ Connecticut 511 bookmarked — check before I-95 Fairfield County runs
- ☐ Black ice awareness: I-95, I-91, and Route 15 are high-risk in freezing temps
- ☐ Windshield defroster and rear defroster fully functional
- ☐ Washer fluid rated for below-freezing temperatures

FAIRFIELD COUNTY PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

- ☐ Vehicle washed and clean exterior — hedge fund and insurance clients are image-conscious
- ☐ Professional attire when meeting clients in Stamford / Greenwich / Westport
- ☐ Proof-of-delivery photos taken on every run — financial clients require documentation

☐ Business card or contact card available for in-person client encounters

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