

Worksheet 7: Vehicle Readiness Checklist

Oregon's year-round rain, Portland's bridge system, and winter mountain pass closures create unique vehicle readiness requirements. Complete before each operating day.

DAILY PRE-SHIFT CHECK

- ☐ Fuel level — minimum half tank (Portland bridge detours can double route length)
- ☐ Waze loaded and updated — check for bridge closures and I-5/I-84 incidents
- ☐ Google Maps loaded — essential for Portland quadrant navigation (NE vs SE addresses differ)
- ☐ Phone fully charged + car charger connected
- ☐ Proof of insurance accessible (glove box)
- ☐ COI (Certificate of Insurance) PDF saved on phone
- ☐ Weather check — rain gear in vehicle year-round
- ☐ Oregon 511 checked for mountain pass conditions (if Bend/Central OR runs scheduled)

WEEKLY CHECK

- ☐ Tire tread depth — Oregon rain requires good tread year-round
- ☐ Windshield wipers in good condition — critical for Portland rain
- ☐ Waze and Google Maps updated
- ☐ Vehicle interior clean and professional
- ☐ COI / insurance documents current and accessible
- ☐ Headlights and taillights functioning — Oregon law requires lights in rain

SEASONAL CHECKLIST — OREGON WINTER (November–March)

- ☐ All-season or winter tires — Oregon Traction Law: chains or traction tires required on mountain passes
- ☐ Chains stored in vehicle if doing Bend / Mt. Hood corridor runs
- ☐ Rain gear (jacket, boots) in vehicle — walking in Portland rain is unavoidable
- ☐ Emergency kit: jumper cables, flashlight, blanket, first aid
- ☐ Oregon 511 app downloaded for pass conditions (TripCheck.com)
- ☐ Windshield defroster functioning

PORTLAND BRIDGE KNOWLEDGE — KNOW BEFORE YOU DRIVE

Portland has 12 bridges crossing the Willamette. Closures are common — always have a bridge alternate planned.

Bridge	Location / Connection	Courier Note
Burnside Bridge	Central — connects E Burnside / W Burnside	Primary cross-river route

Bridge	Location / Connection	Courier Note
Morrison Bridge	Central — connects Morrison/Belmont area	Alternate to Burnside
Steel Bridge	North of Burnside — MAX light rail + cars	Watch for train crossings
Broadway Bridge	North — connects Broadway corridor	Good for Lloyd District
Hawthorne Bridge	South central — oldest active lift bridge	Can close for river traffic
Tilikum Crossing	South — pedestrian/MAX/bus ONLY	No private vehicles

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