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Worksheet 7: Vehicle Readiness Checklist

Pennsylvania winters are serious statewide — Pittsburgh and the western PA mountains get significant snow; Philadelphia gets ice. The PA Turnpike in winter requires preparation.

DAILY PRE-SHIFT CHECK

- ☐ E-ZPass PA transponder mounted and account funded (Turnpike violations are expensive)
- ☐ Fuel level — minimum half tank (Philadelphia to Pittsburgh is 305 miles with Turnpike tolls)
- ☐ Waze loaded — check I-95 (Philadelphia), Fort Pitt Tunnel (Pittsburgh), I-76 Turnpike incidents
- ☐ PennDOT 511 (511pa.com) checked for road conditions and Turnpike alerts
- ☐ Phone fully charged + car charger connected
- ☐ Proof of insurance accessible (glove box)
- ☐ COI PDF saved on phone
- ☐ Weather check — PennDOT 511 for winter storm warnings statewide

WEEKLY CHECK

- ☐ E-ZPass PA account balance — fund before below \$20
- ☐ Tire condition and pressure (winter: check weekly)
- ☐ Coolant / windshield washer fluid (winter-rated Nov-Mar)
- ☐ Wiper blades functioning — replace before November
- ☐ Vehicle interior and exterior clean and professional
- ☐ COI / insurance documents current

PENNSYLVANIA WINTER CHECKLIST (November – March)

- ☐ Winter tires strongly recommended for Pittsburgh, Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, and Turnpike runs
- ☐ All-season tires minimum for Philadelphia (ice events more common than heavy snow)
- ☐ Ice scraper + snow brush in vehicle
- ☐ Emergency kit: blanket, jumper cables, flashlight, water, first aid, traction aid
- ☐ PennDOT 511 (511pa.com) bookmarked — Turnpike closure and black ice alerts
- ☐ Windshield defroster and rear defroster fully functional
- ☐ Washer fluid rated for below-freezing temperatures

PHILADELPHIA & PITTSBURGH CITY PROTOCOLS

- ☐ Philadelphia I-95: Avoid 7:00-9:30 AM and 4:00-7:30 PM on weekdays
- ☐ University City (Phila): Know Penn Medicine / CHOP / Drexel loading zones before first run
- ☐ Pittsburgh Fort Pitt Tunnel: Check delays before every downtown Pittsburgh run
- ☐ Pittsburgh hills: Know your delivery address terrain — some streets inaccessible to large vans