

# Preparing Your Fleet and Team for Summer

As winter makes way for warmer weather, it's time to prepare your fleet for the hot summer months—and a new set of maintenance challenges. Below are a few helpful tips to help ensure a smooth transition.



## Perform Any Required Maintenance on Your Vehicles

During the winter, ice, snow, salt and cold can all take a significant toll on your fleet. As summer approaches, it's important to take inventory of the status of each vehicle. Make sure that all required maintenance is completed—including engine oil, air filter, brake fluid, suspension, driveline and tire tread checks. These routine checks will help maximize fleet uptime, durability and safety heading into the busy summer months.



## Test and Inspect Summer Accessories and Vehicles

Make sure all of your summer accessories—including vehicle safety decals—have been properly installed and show no signs of excessive damage or wear. As needed, contact your Polaris Commercial vehicles rep to order replacements. If you operate electric vehicles in the summer, test all batteries for proper voltage and check that all fluid levels have been topped off.



## Prepare and Monitor Vehicle Cooling Systems

Confirm that each vehicle's engine cooling system meets the recommended coolant-to-water ratio. If you notice any issues—such as a leaky hose or cap—follow the proper procedures to bleed air from the system when topping off fluids. This will help protect against dangerous engine overheating in hot weather.



## Train Your Team On Proper Summer Workflows

Ensure your team knows how to operate each vehicle and use its accessories. Where applicable, avoiding vehicle exposure to extremely hot summer temperatures can help reduce extra heat-related wear on fleet engines. Additionally, some vehicle tires are not recommended for turf driving. Educate operators on where vehicles can and cannot be used.



## Keep Your Fleet Free of Dirt and Mud Build-Up

While snow and ice may no longer be a problem, dirt, dust and mud create new challenges for vehicle performance. Maintaining a clean vehicle—and removing excess debris and dirt from critical vehicle elements—can help maximize engine efficiency and maintain appropriate engine cooling in the heat. Also, make sure all safety decals are clean and visible to promote safety while vehicles are in use.



## Evaluate and Store Winter Accessories

For accessories that will not be used in the summer months, it is important to conduct a routine maintenance check for damage—such as rust caused by salt—before storing. For vehicles that will not be used, drain fuel tanks or shut off fuel lines and follow your owner's manual on best practices for offseason vehicle storage.