

## DE-ICE A CAR

This time of the year it's not unusual to spend twenty minutes trying to de-ice the car before you hit the road. There are a lot of ways to do it, including my favorite hack. One way or another, Cragman, it has to get done.

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For three mornings, your job is to de-ice the car to be ready for use.

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So here are some common methods for de-icing a car:

- Start the car, turn the window defroster on, and leave it for a while. This can take some time to de-ice. You also have to make sure someone does not drive off in your car while you're not looking.
- Never pour hot water on your windshield. The sudden heat could crack it and the short benefit will be lost as that water almost instantly freezes, often making you worse off.
- You can make a salt solution and spray down your windows. This can be effective if it is not too cold.
- Store-bought de-icers are good, but can get expensive if you use them every day.
- Get out there with that scraper. That's probably the most traditional way of doing it, and it gets you your morning workout.
- Finally, my hack is to get a zip lock bag and fill it with hot water (not super-hot, just from the faucet) and use this to wipe the windows. This instantly melts ice, but does not add additional moisture to re-freeze.



Whatever the method your household uses, you need to know it. There are many different methods based on the region you live in.