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Prepare Your Heavy Equipment for Spring

The winter season brings cold temperatures and long periods of disuse, which can both be hard on heavy equipment. Getting your equipment ready for spring is crucial to help the longevity of your equipment and prepare for the busy season ahead.

Fluids

- Check the engine oil and filters for proper viscosity, levels, and filter condition
- Flush fluids and fill with proper fluid viscosity for spring
- Check the fluid needs of any attachments you may have for your equipment
- Top up all fluid levels and regularly keep an eye on them, including the radiator, transmission, brake, oil, and hydraulic fluids
- Ensure there are no fuel, oil, or transmission leaks

Batteries

- If your battery was put away during storage, reinstall it properly
- Test the batteries of any powered equipment to ensure they hold a charge and are in good condition
- Charge all batteries completely and remove any dirt or corrosion

Interior Checks

- Check belts for wear and make sure they are in good condition
- Clean the interior cab to remove debris, dirt, and grime build up if used during the winter
- Replace or adjust wear parts are needed for optimal performance
- Check fan belts for wear, cracks, condition, tension, and alignment
- Check brakes, including the parking brake, for optimal operation
- If your equipment was in storage, be sure to check for pest infestation

Exterior Checks

- Examine windshield wipers for splits and cracks, and replace them where needed
- Clean all mirrors and windows
- Inspect your wheels, tracks, and tires for tears, low tread depth, and other wear indicators
- Equip appropriate tires for Spring
- Adjust tire pressure or track tension as needed
- Check tire pressure regularly to ensure optimal performance, alignment, steering, and traction
- Lubricate all machine components
- Listen for grinding or popping sounds that may indicate equipment bearings are in disrepair
- Clean your equipment; winter sludge can add weight to the machines and contaminate fluids and damage parts
- Give your attachments a once over to check for any damage or quality issues
- Test all lights and switches
- Fix minor repair items

Ask for Help

If you come across any problems while preparing your equipment for spring, turn to trained technicians who can complete seasonal inspections and address any serious issues that may arise.

If you need professional assistance or have any further questions about preparing for spring and summer, contact Amaco by calling or texting us at (905) 670-3440 or emailing us at info@amacocei.com. We're happy to offer our services to help you prepare for the busy season!