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AAA: You Still Have Time to Prep Your Car for the Coming Frigid Weather

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As the season's third cold spell arrives, Southern New England's forecasted frigid temps this week expect to test the hardiest of car batteries.

— *an announcement from AAA Northeast. Darienite.com added some infographics from the AAA website.*

“We saw a significant spike in calls from members with battery problems during last week's cold snap,” said AAA Northeast spokeswoman Fran Mayko in an announcement.

“Even a new battery can lose up to 50 percent of its capacity when temperatures drop to zero,” she said. “And at 32 degrees, it can take up to 30 percent more power to start a cold engine.”

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“Be aware if your engine turns over with a jumpstart, you’ve only fixed the symptom not the problem,” Mayko said. The good news, however, is there’s still time to have your battery tested, and replaced, if

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Check your tire pressure, make sure your windshield washer reservoir is filled; and if you’re overdue, have your oil changed, she added. Your car emergency kit should include a cell phone car charger, blanket, jumper cables, and a flashlight with extra batteries.

AAA Northeast is a not-for-profit auto club with 66 offices in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, New Hampshire and New York, providing more than 5.7 million local AAA members with travel, insurance, finance, and auto-related services.

