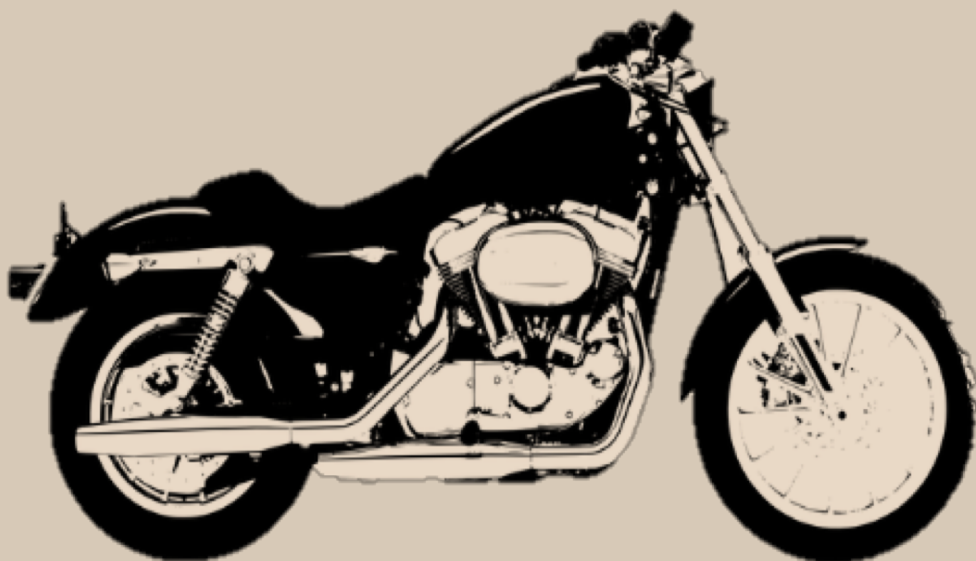
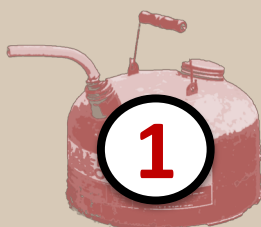


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Most Important Steps to Winterizing *Your* Motorcycle



The three steps we've outlined below stand out as crucial steps that ALL riders (that live in climates that require winterization) must take to avoid bike damage!

- 1). Fuel Prep:** For a variety of reasons, leaving un-treated gasoline in a motorcycle tank over the winter is a bad idea. Gas tanks can rust & the gas can breakdown and "gum up" your fuel system ... not only is that going to be a costly repair but it will be difficult to get your bike serviced in the spring when the repair shops are swamped. So, treat your gas tank with a fuel stabilizer (follow their instructions) and ensure the tank is full to the brim to keep rust from forming in the tank!
- 2). Tire Prep:** Motorcycle tires sitting on a cold surface all winter can lead to "flat spots" and tire rot due to moisture exchange. Tires are not cheap and getting an appointment at a repair shop in the spring often comes with long wait times. So, get your tires off the ground ideally with a center stand or at a minimum run the tires up on sheet of plywood or carpet and don't forget to change the tire position every other week or so to avoid "flat spots."
- 3). Battery Prep:** Untreated batteries are likely to fail over a long winter (or have their service life seriously reduced) so help your battery last as long as possible by connecting a "battery tender" or periodically toping off the battery with a charger (at least every 2 – 3 weeks).