

Winter Gear Storage Prep

- ❑ Remove the batteries from your Avalanche Beacon so they don't corrode over the summer
- ❑ Check you avalanche shovel and probe for any cracks, burrs and dings
- ❑ Check ice axes and crampons for rust or burrs, remove with a bastard mill file
- ❑ Apply a full coat of storage wax to skis to prevent the bases from drying
- ❑ Store you ski boots buckled and switch them into downhill mode
- ❑ Add a dryer sheet in your gloves & mittens storage box to keep them smelling fresh
- ❑ Check your ski helmet for any dents or punctures
- ❑ Sharpen ice screws and check for rust, store them with cap proctors
- ❑ Pitch your winter tent in the backyard to air out, remove any debris, and wash with approved soap
- ❑ Check bindings and teeth on snowshoes
- ❑ Throw away any ski socks with holes in them
- ❑ Patch any holes or tears in puffy jackets and pants

Summer Gear Pre-Season Prep

- ❑ Check the expiry dates on sun lotion and water filter tablets
- ❑ Pitch summer tent in back yard to air out, check for any tears and rips, check that all guylines, zippers, and stakes are working
- ❑ Inflate your sleeping pads and leave them overnight to check for slow leaks
- ❑ Clean water bottles and hydration hoses to remove dirt and mold buildup
- ❑ Add fresh batteries to your headlamp
- ❑ Modify your ten essentials and first aid kit for summertime
- ❑ Replace old bandaids and medical tape in your first aid kit, replace any expired medications
- ❑ Check hiking boots, trail runners, and climbing shoes for de-laminated rubber or holes
- ❑ Apply a lube to loosen any stuck or stiff rock climbing cams
- ❑ Fill your bicycle tires and tune the gearing
- ❑ Wash your climbing rope in the bathtub or plastic bin to remove dirt and metal shavings
- ❑ Flake your climbing rope to check for any core damage
- ❑ Re-mark the middle-mark on your climbing rope if it has faded
- ❑ Check your climbing harness for any wear in the fabrics and around the belay loop
- ❑ Clean out old wrappers and bars from your summer hiking packs
- ❑ Check summer hiking socks for any holes
- ❑ Wash your cook pots, spoons, sporks and mugs
- ❑ Check fuel canisters and make sure your backpacking stove is working
- ❑ Replace old lighters and restock your matches

Take care of your gear, and it will take care of you!

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