

# Storing Your Honda

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If you won't be riding for an extended period, such as during the winter, thoroughly inspect your motorcycle and correct any problem before storing it. That way, needed repairs won't be forgotten and it will be easier to get your motorcycle running again.

For more information about storage, refer to the *Honda Winter Storage Guide*, available from your dealer (USA only).

We suggest you perform the following procedures to keep your motorcycle in top condition. These storage procedures will reduce the deterioration that can occur during storage.

## Preparation for Storage

Refer to *Safety Precautions* on [page 154](#).

This procedure requires a means for draining and disposing of drained fuel ([page 223](#)).

1. Change the engine oil and filter ([page 179](#)).
2. Make sure the cooling system is filled with a 50/50% antifreeze solution ([page 182](#)).
3. Fill the fuel tank. Make sure the fuel fill cap is properly installed.
4. To prevent rusting in the cylinders, perform the following:
  - Remove the spark plug caps from the spark plugs. Using tape or string, secure the caps to any convenient plastic body part so that they are positioned away from the spark plugs.
  - Remove the spark plugs from the engine and store them in a safe place. Do not connect the spark plugs to the spark plug caps.
  - Pour a tablespoon (15 – 20 cc) of clean engine oil into each cylinder and cover the spark plug holes with a piece of cloth.
  - With the engine stop switch in the RUN position, press the start button several times to crank the engine and distribute the oil.
  - Reinstall the spark plugs and spark plug caps.