

# PRE-TRIP INSPECTION CHECKLIST

## DAN'S EXCAVATING SERVICE

DES team members are expected to follow the FMCSA [Code of Federal Regulations](#) Pre-Trip inspection

The following is a general guideline:

- Check engine oil level, coolant, power steering fluid, belts (tension & condition), & hoses (condition)
- Shake steer shaft & watch pitman arm/drag link
- Start engine (verify PTO is disengaged)
- Turn on lights & 4 ways
- Verify wipers & washers work
- Walk around & thump all tires – listen to the sound of each. Verify light operation while walking around
- Visually inspect lug nuts & axle leaks while checking tires/lights
- Listen for air dryer to purge during walk around
- Check hydraulic oil level – verify dump boxes will raise completely (situationally & ONLY when empty)
- Verify tailgate is latched & spreader chains are unattached from gate (dump boxes)
- Verify coupling system is fully locked & any safety chains are properly hooked up & trailer landing gear is retracted
- In cab, release tractor & trailer brakes – depress brake pedal fully & monitor air pressure gauges for 20-30 seconds (if any air loss noted, try to identify source)
- During drive away, verify all wheels are rolling/not locked up