



Car Emergency Kit

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The time to prepare for an emergency is before it occurs. Whether you have a flat tire or other roadside emergency, you should have the following items in your car. Remember to make kits for all cars, not just the car you drive everyday. Also, make sure everyone in the family knows exactly where the kits are located and that everyone can access the kits.

Things to always have in your car

- Anti-freeze/coolant (gallon)
- Battery powered crank radio/extra batteries (Expiration date: _____)
- Blanket
- Bright-colored cloth (preferably red)
- Disposable camera (to take photos of vehicle damage)
- Can of motor oil
- Compass
- Cones, warning triangles and emergency flares (keep in the trunk)
- Empty gas can
- Fire extinguisher (5 lb., A-B-C type)
- Flashlight with spare batteries (Expiration date: _____)
- Fuses
- Quarters/change for tolls/meters
- Jack for tires
- Jumper cables
- Road atlas, maps
- Paper towels
- Pocketknife
- Rags
- Sealant for small leaks in tires
- Shovel
- Spare tire
- Tire pressure gauge
- Tool box with screwdrivers, wrenches and a small hammer (keep this in glove compartment)
- Tow rope
- WhatHappensNow form to fill out in case of an accident
- Windshield washer fluid

Things for you and your family

- Blankets
- Bottled water
- Card listing emergency phone numbers of family and friends
- Card listing family medical allergies or conditions
- Cards and games to pass time
- Cellular phone and charger, extra batteries
- Duct tape
- Emergency cash (\$20)

- Extra set of clothing, socks and underwear for each family member
- First aid kit
- Health and car insurance card, phone number of agent, 1-800 number of company
- List of contact numbers for law enforcement agencies
- Paper/pen or pencil
- Phone card and quarters (cell phones don't always work in emergencies)
- Portable radio with spare batteries
- Pre-moistened towelettes
- Reflective vest
- Scissors
- Snack food (high-energy, non-perishable foods: canned nuts, granola bars, peanut butter)
- Umbrella
- Whistle (to attract attention)

Car documentation

- Car owner's manual
- Car registration

Winter items for your car

To prepare for winter hazards, consider adding these items to your car before the cold weather and snow begins (September-October). It is important that you can access your survival kit from the INSIDE of your car in case you're stranded in a snowstorm.

- Air-activated handwarmer
- Anti-freeze (gallon)
- Chains, snow tires
- Copy of WhatHappensNow Winter Driving article
- Extra blankets and sleeping bags
- Extra snow/ice scraper
- Extra winter clothing (hats, jackets, mittens and boots)
- Bag of sand in trunk—helps tires with traction
- Matches and "survival" candles in a 3 pound coffee can (to warm hands, heat a drink or use as an emergency light)
- Metal cup (for melting snow and drinking)
- Snow shovel
- Window scraper for ice
- Windshield washer fluid rated -40° proof

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