



WINTER SAFETY FOR VEHICLES

Winter roads can be dangerous and unpredictable. Having an emergency kit for your vehicle can make emergency situations more manageable and can avoid certain dangers.



Emergency Kit for Vehicle

- Jumper cables
- Flashlight
- Flares or reflective triangle
- Ice scraper
- Car cell phone charger
- Blanket
- Map
- Cat litter or sand
- Snow shovel (mini)
- First aid kit
- Water
- Snacks
- Toolkit



Vehicle Preparation

Have the following checked by a mechanic periodically

- Antifreeze levels
- Battery and ignition system
- Brakes
- Exhaust system
- Fuel and air filters
- Heater and defroster
- Lights and flashing hazard lights
- Oil
- Thermostat
- Windshield wiper equipment and washer fluid level

General Safety Tips

- Keep gas tank full
 - Keeps fuel line from freezing
 - In case of quick evacuation need
 - In case of power outages
- Check tire treads
- Install winter tires
- Avoid flooded areas
 - 6 inches can cause loss of control or stall
 - 1 ft. can float many cars
- Be aware of receded floodwater areas
- If power lines fall
 - You are at risk for electrical shock
 - Remain inside until trained person removes wire
- Lost control of car or skid
 - Slowly decelerate and steer into skid
 - Pull over, stop car, and set parking brake
- Bridges and overpasses
 - These areas tend to be colder resulting in more freezing and slippery conditions
 - Tread lightly and avoid slamming on the brake



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