

Prepare an Emergency Car Kit

Your kit should consist of things needed to take care of automotive emergencies, or things that would help you survive in your car, such as during a blizzard. While it may not be practical to keep an entire tool kit in the car, do keep a few tools basic enough to do most roadside repairs.

Essential:

- Battery powered radio and extra batteries
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Blanket
- Jumper cables
- Fire extinguisher (5 lb., A-B-C type)
- First aid kit and manual
- Maps
- Heavy-duty collapsible shovel
- Tire repair kit and pump
- Flares or Emergency flashing lights (2)
- Gloves
- Bottled water and non-perishable high-energy foods, such as granola bars, raisins and peanut butter.

Recommended:

- Tires chains for winter driving conditions
- Spare tire with jack
- Star wrench – for changing tires
- Gas can
- Vehicle fluids
- Socket set
- Combination wrench set
- Reversible screwdriver
- Pliers
- Car jumpstart battery (useful for other battery-powered devices also)
- Tow strap
- Tarp
- Toilet paper
- Hand Sanitizer
- Blue “shop towels” paper towels
- Hand degreaser
- Pet waste bags – to ensure that trash, food scraps, and even human waste can be contained and handled safely.