



Vehicle Preparedness

Vehicles are important to our lives. They take us to work, school, church, shopping, events, and take us on our vacations. Because they are a critical part of our everyday lives it is important to have some supplies with you, just in case you are stranded somewhere or your car unexpectedly cannot run.

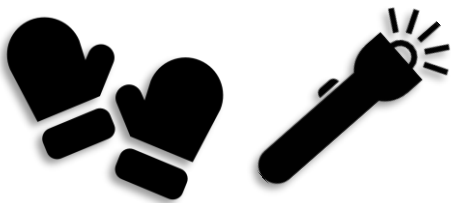
Suggested Items for a vehicle kit to be kept accessible at all times.

Food and Water – Items that do not take preparation are ideal. Having more than you think you will need would be best.



Car specific tools – Make sure there is a jack and a spare tire in your car. Have jumper cables and a small tool set with extra fuses and lightbulbs. Include road flares for safety and an ice scraper. Include a small shovel.

First Aid and Health - Have a good first aid kit stocked with bandaging needs and possible medications that might be needed. Keep some extra necessary prescription medications with you at all times. Keep extra (large) baggies on hand to contain possible illness.



Light and Warmth – Make sure there is a flashlight with extra batteries in your car. Keep extra jackets and blankets in your car to keep warm if needed. Have a cell phone car charger. Consider a solar charger.

Keep in mind your family’s needs – Tailor your supplies to be able to address the special needs of each family member. Don’t forget to include some entertainment for those times you may have to wait.



Always keep your gas tank half full. Keep an amount of cash in a secured space. Before any road trip, be sure to check all the fluid, including oil, antifreeze, and transmission fluid. These should be clean and full to make sure your vehicle is running in tip-top shape. Keep as many items together in one container as possible to keep your car clean and safe.

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