

CAR EMERGENCY KIT

The Basics

- JUMPER CABLES AND/OR AN EMERGENCY BATTERY BOOSTER
- JACK
- SMALL UTILITY KNIFE (I.E., SWISS ARMY KNIFE; THERE ARE MANY VERSIONS AVAILABLE)
- ROADSIDE FLARES AND/OR REFLECTORS
- REFLECTOR VEST
- SEAT BELT CUTTER AND GLASS-BREAKING AUTO ESCAPE HAMMER (KEPT IN AN EASY-TO-REACH PLACE, NOT THE TRUNK)
- SMALL TOOLS, OR A MULTI-TOOL (SCREWDRIVER, PLIERS, ETC.)
- FLASHLIGHT
- HOSE CLAMPS
- FIX-A-FLAT (JUST ENOUGH HELP TO GET YOUR CAR TO THE SHOP)
- SPARE TIRE (PROPERLY INFLATED)
- ANTIFREEZE
- TWO QUARTS OF YOUR VEHICLE'S MOTOR OIL
- TOWING STRAP

Other Necessities

- DEDICATED CELL PHONE CHARGER (LEFT IN VEHICLE)
- FIRE EXTINGUISHER
- GLOVES WITH GRIPPING DOTS ON THE PALM AREA (FOR HANDLING PARTS)
- FIRST AID KIT WITH REGULARLY REFRESHED SUPPLIES
- TIRE PRESSURE GAUGE
- PORTABLE RADIO (BATTERY OR OTHER POWERED)
- SMALL, FOLDABLE SHOVEL
- ROLL OF DUCT TAPE
- CAN OF WD-40
- MAPS AND/OR ROAD ATLAS (IN CASE YOU HAVE A DRAINED BATTERY OR YOU'RE WHERE CELL PHONES DON'T WORK)
- FLASHLIGHT (CHECK BATTERIES REGULARLY, OR FIND ONE THAT DOESN'T NEED THEM)
- WHISTLE
- ROPE
- MOISTENED TOWELETTES
- EMERGENCY RAINCOATS
- BOTTLED WATER
- MRES, GRANOLA/ENERGY BARS OR OTHER PORTABLE FOODS (REGULARLY REFRESH YOUR SUPPLY)
- CANVAS BAG OR OTHER EASY-TO-CARRY CONTAINER TO STORE EVERYTHING IN AND GET TO EASILY
- PACKING CLOTH (FOR LAYING ON THE GROUND, OR FOR LINING YOUR CAR OR TRUCK BED WHEN MOVING SOMETHING)

In winter, you should add:

- ICE SCRAPER
- SAND OR KITTY LITTER (FOR ICE AND SNOW)
- SLEEPING BAGS
- HEAVY LEATHER GLOVES (FROM THE HARDWARE STORE)
- BLANKET AND CAR PILLOW

This checklist is not exhaustive and does not include every item you may need in an emergency situation.

