



Plan long trips carefully, listening to the radio or television for the latest weather forecasts and road conditions. If bad weather is forecast, drive only if absolutely necessary.

Car Emergency Kit Checklist

Jumper cables
Flares or reflective triangle
Ice scraper
Car cell phone charger
Blanket
Map
Cat litter or sand for better tire traction
Prepare Your Vehicle for Emergencies

Have a mechanic check the following on your vehicle prior to an emergency:

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

Vehicle Safety Tips

1. Keep your gas tank full in case of evacuation or power outages. A full tank will also keep the fuel line from freezing
2. Install good winter tires and ensure they have adequate tread or any jurisdiction-required chains or studs
3. Do not drive through flooded areas. Six inches of water can cause a vehicle to lose control or possibly stall. A foot of water will float many cars.
4. Be aware of areas where floodwaters have receded. Roads may have weakened and could collapse under the weight of a car.
5. If a power line falls on your car you are at risk of electrical shock, stay inside until a trained person removes the wire.
6. If there is an explosion or other factors that makes it difficult to control the vehicle, pull over, stop the car and set the parking brake.
7. If the emergency could impact the physical stability of the roadway avoid overpasses, bridges, power lines, signs, and other hazards