

Winter Driving Survival Kit

Every vehicle that is being driving in winter weather should be equipped with a winter survival kit to provide some comfort and safety for you and your passengers if you become stranded in the snow. The kit may be contained in a five-gallon oilcan with a clamp-on lid or some other air tight receptacle. Always keep the emergency kit inside the vehicle, as the trunk may be frozen shut or jammed by a collision when you need it.

Here are some recommended items:

Ice scraper/snowbrush	Gas line antifreeze
Abrasive material for traction (cat litter, gravel, sand or salt)	Flashlight and batteries
Shovel	Tire sealant
Tow rope or chain	First aid kit
Booster cables	Fire extinguisher
Road flares, warning lights, or bright flag	Extra clothing and footwear
Small tool kit	Blanket(s)
Cell phone	Pocket knife
Non-perishable energy foods	Water - Drinking water may be obtained by melting snow but do not eat snow! This uses up body heat and lowers your body temperature. Eating snow also dehydrates your body resulting in a net water loss!
Wooden matches	Candle and a small tin can
Extra antifreeze, gas and windshield-washer fluid	Can opener, cutlery, mug, pot
Necessary medications	Cards, games, puzzles
Plastic bags and a pail with lid (for toilet facilities)	Newspapers for insulation