

Make your own emergency car kit Checklist

A car emergency kit is one of those things that you don't think much about until it's too late. Then you'll wish you didn't leave home without one.

- 1. **Charged cell phone/Cell phone charger.** Although this item will probably be on your person, it may make the difference between getting help fast and maybe not getting help at all. "Make sure it is properly charged every time you get into your car". If you have a cell phone charger in your car this can be a big help as well.
- 2. **First-aid kit.** As well as an assortment of Band-Aids, it should include adhesive tape, gauze pads, aspirin, antiseptic wipes, antiseptic cream or ointment, and anything particular to you or your family.
- 3. **Foam tire sealant.** A quick, inexpensive way to repair many flats without changing the tire. You can also by small tire pumps that can get you out of being stranded. **Fire Extinguisher.** It should be rated for Class B and Class C fires by the National Fire Protection Association, or NFPA. The NFPA says Class B fires are those that involve flammable or combustible liquids, such as gasoline, diesel fuel and kerosene. Class C fires involve energized electrical equipment such as switches, panel boxes and batteries.
- 4. **Three reflective warning triangles.** While many prepackaged emergency kits contain one warning triangle, I suggests you have three that are placed 50 feet apart to warn oncoming traffic.
- 5. **Tire gauge.** Make sure your spare tire is properly inflated. A lot of the time people ignore it until they have a flat, and then discover the spare is flat, too.
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- 7. **Jumper cables.** They should be at least 10 feet in length and coated with at least 8-gauge rubber. "Bigger cables are better."
- 8. **Flashlight and extra batteries or a cell phone with a light.** The flashlight should be waterproof. some cell phones have built in lights. Make sure your know how to access the app of function.
- 9. **Gloves.**
- 10. **Rags.**
- 11. **Duct tape.** It is the universal fix-it solution. Carry at least 10 feet of it.
- 12. **Tow strap or tow rope.** It should be strong enough to tow 6,000 pounds.
- 13. **Multipurpose utility tool/Small tool kit.** This can be something like a Leatherman Tool or a Swiss Army Knife.
- 14. **Rain poncho.** Even an inexpensive plastic poncho is better than nothing when changing a tire in the pouring rain.
- 15. **Drinking water.** "You can survive 3 days on water alone"
- 16. **Nonperishable snacks.** Protein bars are a good choice.
****If*** you frequent the cold country, See below.
- 17. **Warm blanket.**
- 18. **Snow shovel/small shovel.**
- 19. **Cat litter.** It works as well as sand beneath the tires for traction and weighs less. and
- 20. **Windshield ice scraper**

If you don't have most of the highlighted items in your kit then you better get prepared!