

WINTER CAR EMERGENCY KIT

10 THINGS ALL DRIVERS WORTH THEIR ROAD SALT SHOULD HAVE



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JUMPER CABLES

A must, either for yourself or to help someone else. You might also want to include flares or a reflective triangle. They help others to see your vehicle if you're on shoulder of the road.

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FLASHLIGHT

Make sure you've got one that works — and extra batteries. Hand-cranked flashlights are out there, too in case you don't trust the back-up batteries.



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FOOD & WATER

Non-perishable food such as granola or energy bars and fruit snacks will last in your emergency stash. Don't forget water.



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BLANKETS

A fleece, an extra comforter or even a rolled-up sleeping bag can come in handy. Extra clothing such as dry socks and a spare set of dry gloves can't hurt.



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ICE SCRAPER

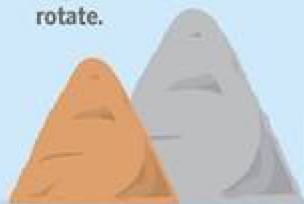
The need to clear windshields and windows will crop up again if you're stuck in snowfall. A brush and ice scraper combo is even better.



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CAT LITTER OR SAND

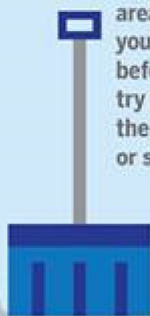
If your vehicle is stuck in snow, place the litter in front and back of a stuck tire, the particles give tires better traction as your tires rotate.



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SMALL SHOVEL

If you're really stuck, you may need to use a shovel to clear the area around your tires before you try using the litter or sand.



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RADIO

Battery-powered or hand-cranked radios are the best choices. Don't rely on your smartphone battery in an emergency.



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PHONE CHARGER

It's a good idea to be able to top up the juice in your phone.



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FIRST-AID KIT

Buy one or make your own and keep everything in plastic bags. Bandages, gauze pads, antiseptic salve and pain relievers like ibuprofen or aspirin are a good place to start.

