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# EMERGENCY PREPARATION FOR YOUR CAR

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# IT'S IN THE BAG

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Be ready for anything! Pack a bag  
with essential supplies for your car.



# BUILDING A CAR EMERGENCY KIT

Make sure your car is ready for an emergency. A small emergency kit and regular maintenance will ensure that your car helps keep you safe in an emergency.

## BASIC KIT CHECKLIST

- Jumper cables
- Flares or reflective triangle
- Ice scraper
- Car cell phone charger
- Blanket
- Map
- Cat litter or sand (for better tire traction)
- First aid kit
- Toilet paper
- Drinking water
- Tool kit with screwdrivers, pliers, adjustable wrench, pocket knife, tire pressure checker

## NORMAL MAINTENANCE

- Antifreeze levels
- Battery and ignition system
- Brakes
- Exhaust system
- Fuel and air filters
- Heater and defroster
- Lights and flashing hazard lights
- Oil
- Thermostat
- Windshield wipers and washer fluid level
- Check for spare tire, jack, and tire iron (usually kept in the trunk underneath the floorboard)

## CAR SAFETY TIPS

-  Keep your gas tank full; you may need it in an evacuation or power outage. A full tank will also keep the fuel line from freezing.
-  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.
-  If it becomes hard to control the car, pull over, stop the car, and set the parking brake.
-  Be aware of areas where floodwaters have receded. Roads may have weakened and could collapse under the weight of a car.
-  If the emergency could affect the stability of the roadway, avoid overpasses, bridges, power lines, signs, and other hazards.
-  If a power line falls on your car, don't get out unless there's a fire. The ground around the car may be energized. Wait for emergency responders. If you must leave your car because of a fire or other life-threatening situation, do not touch the car and the ground at the same time. Jump out of the car with both feet together. Shuffle or hop slowly away from the car, keeping your feet together until you're 35 feet away.