

NORTHERN WINTER

CAR EMERGENCY KIT CHECKLIST

Print and check items as you pack. Adapt this list to your vehicle, route and local conditions.

STAY WARM

- ☐ Warm blanket or cold-rated sleeping bag
- ☐ Extra coat, hat, mittens and warm socks
- ☐ Insulated boots or spare footwear
- ☐ Hand warmers and dry bag for clothing

LIGHT & COMMUNICATION

- ☐ Flashlight or headlamp; spare batteries
- ☐ Charged phone and vehicle charging cable
- ☐ Charged backup power bank
- ☐ Emergency contacts and paper map

FOOD, WATER & FIRST AID

- ☐ Nonperishable snacks; rotate regularly
- ☐ Drinking water; protect from freezing
- ☐ First-aid kit and personal medications
- ☐ Tissues, wipes and hygiene supplies

SNOW & VEHICLE RECOVERY

- ☐ Snow brush and windshield ice scraper
- ☐ Compact sturdy shovel
- ☐ Traction mats or suitable traction aid
- ☐ Jumper cables or charged jump starter
- ☐ Basic tool kit and work gloves

BE SEEN & STAY SAFE

- ☐ Reflective warning triangles or markers
- ☐ Reflective vest or brightly colored cloth
- ☐ Whistle; notepad and pen
- ☐ Tire-pressure gauge and winter washer fluid

BEFORE A LONG WINTER DRIVE

- ☐ Check weather, road conditions, fuel and tires
- ☐ Tell someone your route and expected arrival
- ☐ Check batteries; rotate food, water and supplies

WINTER SAFETY REMINDERS

If stranded, call for help and share your location when possible. Follow local emergency responders' guidance. A blocked exhaust pipe can allow dangerous carbon monoxide to enter a vehicle; never operate an engine with a blocked tailpipe. Do not use fuel-burning heaters inside the vehicle. Keep backup batteries charged and check them regularly.

Preparedness note: General information only, not professional emergency guidance. Conditions vary. Follow local authorities and emergency responders. In an emergency, call 911 when available.