

Emergency Supplies for Your Vehicle

In addition to the basic vehicle safety items—properly inflated spare tire, wheel wrench, and jack—you should also keep a smaller version of your disaster supplies kit (See [Disaster Supplies Kit](#)) and a first aid kit (See [First Aid Kit](#)) in your vehicle. Include local maps where you drive, basic tools (pliers, adjustable wrench, screwdriver, etc.), flashlight and extra batteries, duct tape, reflective triangle, signal flares, a roll of quarters for making phone calls and vending machines, and essential fluids (oil, coolant and transmission fluid). Rags are helpful to wipe up fluid or cleaning grime off your hands. You may also consider having a fire extinguisher, jumper cables, bottled water, nonperishable food, medications, toilet tissue and premoistened towelettes in case you breakdown or are stuck. Check your vehicle supplies regularly for expired or unusable items.

When driving in winter or cold climates, add a windshield scraper, snow brush, salt, sand, shovel, tire chains and warm clothing. Blankets or sleeping bags will keep you warm and can also be used to cover the ground if you need to get near the ground to make repairs or change a tire. Extra socks and shoes are helpful if your feet get wet or you are wearing non-waterproof shoes.