

# via Car Emergency Kit Checklist



## KEEP IN GLOVE COMPARTMENT

- Properly fitting cloth mask for every member of your household
- Disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer
- Battery-powered cell phone charger
- Pen and notepad (for swapping information in the event of a collision; writing down emergency phone numbers; or jotting down mile markers, geographic features, or other landmarks to help emergency workers locate you)
- Tire gauge (check pressure once a month; keeping tires properly inflated is important for performance and for safety)
- Paper maps of unfamiliar places you're traveling (in case GPS is unavailable)
- Flashlight

## KEEP IN TRUNK

- First-aid kit (including gloves, bandages, antiseptic ointment, bug spray, tweezers, and gauze pads)
- Warning triangles or flares (LED magnetic flares are effective and super easy to use)
- Reflective vest
- Jumper cables
- Jack, lug-wrench, flat board to place under the jack, and other tire-changing tools
- Motor oil (a quart or more)
- Coolant (a gallon or more)
- Empty gas can
- Drinking water (in non-plastic containers such as sealed glass bottles, metal cans, or reusable water bottles you bring along each time you drive) and a portable water filter
- Electrolyte drinks
- Protein bars or other nonperishable snacks
- Warm blanket (such as a space blanket)
- Rain poncho
- Sturdy shoes (in case you need to walk over rough terrain)
- Small tool kit (screwdriver, pliers, and a wrench)
- Extra batteries for flashlight and cell phone charger
- Duct tape, cable ties, and fuses (for stopgap repairs until your vehicle can be professionally serviced)
- Hand-crank radio (particularly important during a natural disaster like an earthquake)
- Lighter or matchbook

## SEASONAL GEAR

- Ice scraper
- Snow chains
- Small shovel
- Warm clothing
- Portable jump starter
- Hand sanitizer (handy for de-icing door locks; keep a small bottle on your keychain)
- Cat litter or sand
- Windshield washer fluid with de-icer