

Don't let car trouble ruin your day.

Be prepared with a Roadside Emergency Kit.



Build your own toolkit with the basics in this checklist and be ready to roll.

- A jack and a lug wrench (some people like to have a portable jack stand for extra safety)
- Heavy duty booster (jumper) cable
- Tire gauge
- First Aid Kit
- Heavy-duty gloves
- Basic tools like screwdrivers, adjustable wrenches and pliers, socket wrench set
- Tow strap
- Air compressor
- Tire repair kit and foam tire sealant
- Reflective triangles, flares (be visible to passing cars and alert the police to an emergency)
- Safety vest for high visibility at night
- Empty gas can
- A small amount of cash (both bills and change)
- Portable cell phone battery charger
- Portable battery jump starter
- Spare fuses
- Portable radio with spare batteries
- Bungee cords

Flip for more.



Include these extras to keep you comfortable while you wait for help.

- Multipurpose utility tool, like a Swiss Army knife
- Emergency escape kit (seatbelt cutter/window breaker combo)
- Rain poncho
- Gallon of drinking water
- Non Perishable snacks (like granola or protein bars)
- Fire extinguisher
- A book or magazine
- A battery-powered reading light
- A lawn or camp chair
- A tarp for ground cover or shade
- A thermal blanket
- Hand warmers
- A fire starter
- Extra hats
- Snow shovel
- Ice scraper
- A bag of cat litter for traction if stuck in the snow



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