

# Winter Car Care Kit

**Antifreeze** – Keep your fluid levels full to help regulate your car's temperature.

**Blankets** – Stay warm and pack a blanket for those just-in-case situations.

**Duct tape** – Patch and temporarily repair with heavy-duty duct tape.

**Extra clothes** – Pack a change of clothes and sturdy boots for those just-in-case situations.

**Fire extinguisher** – Keep a fire extinguisher in the car in case of a fire.

**First-aid supplies** – Don't forget bandages, gauze, skin ointments, etc.

**Flashlights** – A flashlight is especially helpful to have on hand in any situation. Don't forget the extra batteries.

**Gloves** – Protect your hands from the elements when you're stranded.

**Ice scraper** – Use this to clear the windshield and windows of snow and ice.

**LED flares** – Snow flurries can obstruct views even when light outside, and a bright flare can help keep you safe if you pull over or get stuck.

**Microfiber cloths** – Have cloths or absorbent towels for cleanup as needed.

**Portable jump starter/air compressor unit** – For those just-in-case situations when you need a jump-start or to put air in your tires.

**Portable phone charger** – In case you need to call for help, always have a way to power up your mobile device.

**Sand or kitty litter for traction** – Use these to give your vehicle traction when stuck.

**Shovel** – Use a small shovel to clear a path and help dig out of mushy ditches.

**Snacks** – Have small food items stocked to keep hunger at bay while waiting for help.

**Snow brush** – Make sure your view of the road is unobstructed, and remove snow from the car hood, roof, and trunk lid.

**Snow chains or other traction devices** – Get through the worst of conditions with snow chains or other devices that help with traction.

**Tire pressure gauge** – Check your tire pressure levels often because cold weather can adversely affect your tire pressure.

**Tool kit** – Pack a basic tool kit to troubleshoot when needed.

**Water** – Keep fresh bottled water on hand for drinking and other purposes in and around the vehicle.

## Tips for Preparing Your Car for Winter Weather



**Battery:** Test your battery regularly.



**Fluids:** Check regularly and top off antifreeze, coolant, windshield wiper, and transmission fluids. Check engine oil levels.



**Brakes:** Get brakes inspected. Check your brake fluid levels.



**Heating and cooling:** Keep your heating and defrosting system properly working with regular maintenance check-ups.



**Fuel:** Keep your gas tank at least half full or plan your electric car charging schedule beforehand.



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