

Prepare Your Car for winter Build an Emergency Car Kit

Keep yourself from getting stranded this winter. Store emergency items in your vehicle to handle cold weather, ice, and snow.

There are specific emergency items to store in your vehicle during the winter. There are also maintenance checks to keep you safe, your vehicle warm, and your engine running.

Follow these tips and find more winter preparedness information from the Ready campaign.

Check or have a mechanic check items, such as:

Antifreeze levels

Battery and ignition system

Brakes

Exhaust system

Fuel and air filters

Heater and defroster

Lights and flashing hazard lights

Oil

Thermostat

Windshield wiper equipment and washer fluid level

Winter tires

Add winter items to the emergency kits in your vehicles:

Shovel

Ice scraper, snow brush

Boots, mittens, warm clothes

Blanket(s)

Tow chain or rope

Road salt and sand

Tire chains or snow tires

Additional winter preparedness tips are available to keep your family safe and warm all winter long.