

Winter Survival Kit (Vehicle)

Winter travel poses serious risks—especially in remote or snowy areas. This vehicle-specific checklist focuses on cold weather readiness, including insulation, visibility, and recovery tools for survival during blizzards or breakdowns.

Insulation & Warmth

- Wool blanket or sleeping bag (cold-rated)
- Winter gloves, hat, scarf, and thermal socks
- Hand and foot warmers (multiple pairs)
- Extra layers: fleece, sweatshirt, or jacket
- Mylar emergency blankets (2+)

Snow & Ice Management

- Ice scraper and snow brush
- Small shovel (folding or collapsible)
- Windshield washer fluid (winter blend)
- Traction aids (kitty litter, sand, or traction boards)

Vehicle Readiness

- Battery jump starter (charged)
- Tow strap and tire chains (if applicable)
- Full tank of gas or backup gas can (stored safely)
- Flashlight or headlamp with fresh batteries

Food, Water & Hygiene

- High-calorie snacks (bars, trail mix, jerky)
- Water bottles (rotate seasonally)
- Thermos with hot drink or soup (when departing)
- Tissues, wipes, and hygiene items

Navigation & Emergency

- Road flares or LED hazard lights
- Whistle and reflective vest
- Local maps and charger for phone or GPS
- First aid kit with cold-weather meds (cold, flu, etc.)

Tips & Hints:

Store your winter kit in a separate bag or container that's easy to grab if stranded.

Check your kit before the first snowfall and replenish at midseason.

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