



Winter Vehicle Survival Checklist

Vehicle Preparedness Kit

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Container of kitty litter or sand for traction | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-perishable dry food
(ex: nuts, dried fruit, granola bars) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insulated boots | <input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Winter hat and gloves | <input type="checkbox"/> Jumper cables |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small shovel | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency flares |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy winter coat or coveralls | <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket knife |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blankets | <input type="checkbox"/> Brightly-colored signs or flags |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra pair of socks | <input type="checkbox"/> Windshield ice scraper, brush and an extra
gallon of windshield washer fluid in the trunk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Candle and matches | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight and extra batteries | |

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- Tire pressure: Check and fill tires at every other fuel fill up — refer to the proper pressure reading on the sidewall of the tire or consult your vehicle's owner's manual
- Tire tread: Use the "penny test" — with Lincoln's head upside-down, place a penny in the groove of the tread. If you can see Lincoln's head, the tire needs to be replaced
- Antifreeze: Check and fill as needed — use an antifreeze/coolant tester, which you can purchase for as little as \$4 at many auto parts and hardware stores
- Oil level: Check and fill as needed at every other fuel fill up
- Brake fluid: Check and fill as needed
- Brake system: Look for signs to replace, such as if the pedal is soft or if you're stopping unevenly or pulling to one side
- Headlights and high beams working
- Tail lights working
- Brake lights working
- Parking lights working
- Turn signals working
- Emergency flashers working
- Replace windshield wiper blades every six to 12 months
- Windshield wiper fluid rated for cold temps: Check and fill as needed; a good idea is to keep a spare gallon of fluid in your trunk at all times
- Heater and defroster working
- Inspect battery: Most battery retailers will check a battery for free
- Inspect exhaust and muffler for leaks — repair if needed
- Program phone number of State Highway Patrol into your cell phone

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- Fuel level above a half tank
- Tires: Check and fill at every other fuel fill up
- Oil level: Check and fill as needed at every other fuel fill up
- Cell phone charged, with water and medicine on hand in vehicle for long trips or when driving in less-populated rural areas
- Note that United Heartland doesn't endorse cell phone use when driving; however, one is critical to have on hand in case of emergency.
- Let your car warm up
- Clean the entire car before you begin to drive, rather than while on the road
- Make sure all lights work and are clear of ice and/or snow
- Clean ice and snow off your wiper blades
- Check horn, adjust mirrors and test brakes before taking off

