

DRIVER SAFETY TRAINING WEEKLY

Emergency Kits - Roadside Assistance

A good driver is always prepared. Breakdowns can happen anytime, anywhere. In addition to having the necessary equipment handy to change a tire, there are some other items you should always have on hand. Pre-packaged car emergency kits can be a great place to start, but putting your own roadside assistance kit together has some valuable benefits as well. Combine a Pre-Made kit with your personal items and it will best fit your needs.



PRE-MADE vs. HOMEMADE

- **Tailor it to the weather in your area:** Maybe you'll never need an ice scraper, or a battery-powered fan. Add or subtract items from the list that you know you'll need where you're traveling.
- **Include items that suit your family:** If you have kids or pets, you can add things like diapers, dehydrated food, dog treats, or a water bowl.
- **Create multiple kits or have back-ups handy:** Instead of buying several pre-made kits, you can build multiple car safety kits at once or keep extra supplies on hand if you run out.
- The biggest benefit of creating your own vehicle emergency kit? You'll know exactly what's inside. You bought it and packed it, so you'll know what is and isn't included.



ITEMS TO CONSIDER

- ❖ First Aid kit
- ❖ Fire extinguisher - choose a small one that is easy to store.
- ❖ Road flares
- ❖ Jumper cables
- ❖ Rain ponchos
- ❖ Tarp
- ❖ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ❖ Rags
- ❖ Duct tape
- ❖ Scent-free baby wipes
- ❖ Drinking water and non-perishable snacks
- ❖ Multipurpose tool

Some optional items for your roadside kit include:

- ❖ Collapsible shovel
- ❖ Ice scraper.
- ❖ Cat litter for slick roads.
- ❖ Small battery-powered fan
- ❖ Blankets and/or warm clothing
- ❖ Cell phone car charger - Keeping your phone charged up when you're on the road can help you reach out for assistance in an emergency. In addition to a standard car charger, also consider a solar charger.
- ❖ Cash for gas - If the power goes out due to inclement weather, it's nearly impossible to get gas with just your credit card. Cash always works, so keep some safely tucked away in your car.