

SAFETY TIP – Car Emergency Kit

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ARE YOU ROAD READY?

Being on the road when disaster strikes can put you in a challenging situation. Pack items to last at least 24 hours for each member of your household including your pets.

- Maintain a half tank of gas in case of evacuation or power outages.
- Always check that your tires and spare are in good condition.
- Do not drive through flooded areas. Six inches of water can cause a car to lose control or possibly stall. A foot of water will float many cars.
- Be aware of areas where floodwaters have receded. Roads may have weakened and could collapse under the weight of a car.
- If a power line falls on your car you are at risk of electrical shock. Stay inside until a trained person removes the wire.
- If it becomes hard to control the car, pull over, stop the car and set the parking brake.
- If the emergency could affect the stability of the roadway avoid overpasses, bridges, power lines, signs and other hazards.
- Customize your car kit for your personal needs, weather, and location.



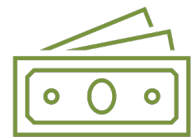
Pack your items in a backpack or duffel.



Make it a habit to fill up when gas is ½ full.

Car Kit

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| ○ Water | ○ Sunscreen |
| ○ Food | ○ Hat |
| ○ Flashlight and extra batteries | ○ Paper and pencil |
| ○ First aid kit | ○ Extra clothes |
| ○ Whistle (to signal for help) | ○ Money (\$1s, \$5s, \$10s) |
| ○ Face masks | ○ Fire extinguisher |
| ○ Moist towelettes | ○ Jumper cables |
| ○ Paper maps | ○ Flares or reflective triangle |
| ○ Cell phone chargers and a backup battery | ○ Ice scraper |
| ○ Pet food and water | ○ Cat litter or sand (for better tire traction) |
| ○ Blanket | ○ Medications needed for 24 hrs. |



Keep small bills on hand: \$1, \$5, & \$10.



Replace water bottles every 6 months. Store away from sunlight.

Visit www.ready.gov/car for more information.



For preparedness information and schedules of upcoming free classes, visit Martinez Area Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) at www.martinezcert.org

