



SAFETY TIP

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Build a Car Kit

Being on the road when disaster strikes can put you in a challenging situation. In addition to maintaining your vehicle in good order, prepare for the unexpected with a well stocked Car Emergency Kit. Store your supplies in a durable canvas bag. You will want to grab your Go Bag in an emergency for your personal items. Download information for Go Bags and Pet Go Bags at our [Resources page](#).

- Get into the habit of filling your tank when it reaches half full.
- 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.
- Pay attention to 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, turn on emergency flashers, and set the parking brake.
- Be aware. The emergency could affect the stability of the roadway, overpasses, bridges, power lines, signs and other hazards.
- Customize your kits for your personal needs, weather, and location.

Car Kit essentials

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| ○ Multipurpose tool | ○ Jumper cables |
| ○ Flashlight and extra batteries | ○ Flares or reflective triangle |
| ○ Paper maps | ○ Ice scraper |
| ○ Emergency blanket | ○ Cat litter or sand (for tire traction) |
| ○ Car cell phone charger | ○ Snacks and water |

Visit [ready.gov/car](https://www.ready.gov/car) for more information.



Make it a habit to fill up when gas is 1/2 full.



Keep a Car Kit in case you are stranded.



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