

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS POINTER

WINTER

CAR EMERGENCY KIT

Cold weather has settled into Idaho, and it's a good reminder to prepare your vehicle for winter travel. One of the best ways to stay safe on the road is to keep a well-stocked emergency kit in your car.

Here are key items to keep in your vehicle during the winter months:

- Flashlight with working batteries
- Jumper cables in case your vehicle won't start or someone else needs help
- Kitty litter or sand to provide traction if your tires are stuck on ice
- Tire chains for improved control during severe conditions
- Small shovel to clear snow from around your tires or tailpipe
- Flares or reflective device for visibility
- A basic first aid kit for immediate care
- Food and water, especially high-protein snacks
- Warm clothing and supplies, such as a blanket, sleeping bag, winter coat, gloves, hat, and waterproof footwear
- Ice scraper for clearing your windshield



If you slide off the road, break down, or get stuck during a storm, these items can help keep you warm and protected until help arrives. Always let someone know where you're going and when you expect to arrive, particularly if you'll be traveling through areas with limited cell service.

Before you go, check 511.idaho.gov for the latest road conditions.