FREE DRIVER RESOURCE / 02

Winter Survival Kit Checklist

Build a kit for everyone in the vehicle, with extra supplies for longer trips and delays.

Tick items when packed and usable. Choose suitable equipment and follow its instructions. Note optional items as N/A.

VEHICLE / KIT LOCATION _____ CHECKED _____

01 WARMTH, WATER & FOOD

- [ ] Warm blankets or sleeping bags for everyone.
- [ ] Winter coats, hats, gloves and warm footwear.
- [ ] Spare dry socks and clothing in a waterproof bag.
- [ ] Hand/foot warmers; use as directed to avoid burns.
- [ ] Drinking water for everyone; bring fresh water on each trip and protect it from freezing.
- [ ] Ready-to-eat, non-perishable food suited to passengers' dietary needs.
- [ ] First-aid kit with usable, in-date contents.
- [ ] Needed medicines and medical supplies; follow their storage instructions.

02 PERSONAL NEEDS

- [ ] Tissues, wipes, hand sanitizer and waste bags.
- [ ] Baby, accessibility or other passenger supplies, as needed.
- [ ] Pet food, water, bowl, leash and warm bedding, if travelling with a pet.

03 LIGHT, POWER & CONTACTS

- [ ] Charged phone, charging cable and vehicle adapter.
- [ ] Charged power bank; follow storage instructions.
- [ ] LED flashlight or headlamp and spare batteries.
- [ ] Reflective vest and battery-powered warning light or reflective markers.
- [ ] Written emergency contacts, roadside-assistance number and a paper map.

04 VEHICLE EQUIPMENT

- [ ] Ice scraper and snow brush.
- [ ] Compact, sturdy snow shovel and work gloves.
- [ ] Tire-pressure gauge and extra winter washer fluid, secured upright.
- [ ] Optional: vehicle-compatible jump pack or cables; follow the owner's manual.
- [ ] Optional: purpose-made traction aids, used as directed and only in a safe location.

KEEP YOUR KIT READY

Store: Secure gear so it cannot reach pedals or become loose cargo. Keep warmth, light, water and essential medicines accessible from inside the vehicle.

Refresh: Check monthly, before long trips and after use. Replace expired food/first-aid supplies; test lights and recharge batteries. Bring temperature-sensitive items with you.

ADD / REPLACE _____ NEXT CHECK _____

This is a packing list, not recovery instructions. Do not enter traffic to place equipment or attempt unsafe recovery. If unsure, call professional help. Use battery-powered lighting; no open flames inside the vehicle.

Sources: National Weather Service: Car Kit | Transport Canada: Winter Supplies
Print on Letter paper; use Fit for A4. Fill digitally in a compatible PDF reader or write by hand.

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