



## VEHICLE SAFETY KIT CHECKLIST

### Basic Necessities

- ☐ Cell phone, charged
  - ☐ Keep a [cell phone charger](#) with appropriate charging cables – [Lightning](#), [micro-USB](#), and [USB-C](#) will cover most modern needs, but make sure you have other cables if necessary
- ☐ [Emergency phone numbers on laminated card](#)
- ☐ [ICE \(In Case of Emergency\) Card](#) with relevant medical information for each family member
- ☐ [AAA](#) or other roadside emergency card
- ☐ First aid kit (check out the [Gentleman Spy First Aid Checklist](#) for more information)
  - ☐ Supplies for specific conditions: prescription medications, [Epi-Pen](#), [AED](#), [oxygen](#)
- ☐ Fire extinguisher – choose [dry chemical](#) (less expensive) or [Halotron](#) (better, but expensive)
- ☐ [Jumper cables](#)
- ☐ [Warning triangles](#), [flares](#), or [lights](#)
  - Most commercial kits only include one triangle or flare; it's better to have 2-3 or more
- ☐ [Tire gauge](#)
- ☐ Tire sealant ([Fix-A-Flat](#), a [tire patch kit](#) and [compressor](#) to inflate your tires, or all three)
- ☐ LED [flashlight\(s\)](#) (good) or [headlamp\(s\)](#) (better); keep at least one set of spare batteries as well
- ☐ Gloves
  - ☐ [Mechanix](#) or [leather work gloves](#)
  - ☐ [Nitrile gloves](#)
- ☐ [Rags](#) or [paper towels](#)
- ☐ Multi-tool ([Leatherman](#), [Gerber](#), or similar)
  - Even better: a small tool kit with [screwdriver\(s\)](#), [needle nose pliers](#), [adjustable pliers](#), [wire cutters](#), [adjustable wrench](#), [vise grips](#), [socket set](#), and anything else you think you need.
- ☐ Knife
  - A basic fixed-blade knife with a 3-6" blade for general utility work. [Cold Steel](#), [ESEE](#), [Fallkniven \(F1 or S1\)](#), [Morakniv](#), [Ontario](#), and others all offer excellent choices.
- ☐ Duct Tape, zip ties, and bailing wire
- ☐ [Tow strap](#) and [shackles](#) (and/or a [hitch-mount shackle](#))
  - Rope and chains are a poor substitute for purpose-made tow straps
- ☐ [Poncho](#) or other rain wear
  - If possible, have 2 or more ponchos for a significant other, friend, or family member
- ☐ Water
  - 1 gallon minimum; work towards 1 gallon, per person, per day, for at least three days
- ☐ Food
  - Non-perishable food. Energy bars, granola, trail mix, etc.
  - ☐ [Manual can opener](#) is a good idea, even if you don't bring canned food with you

### Winter Essentials

- ☐ Blanket(s)
  - One [blanket](#) or sleeping bag for every person that regularly rides in the vehicle
  - [Wool](#) is better than cotton or synthetic as it breathes well and is naturally fire retardant
- ☐ [Shovel](#)
  - Generally a good idea regardless of the weather; good for snow and sand
- ☐ [Ice scraper](#)
- ☐ Kitty litter or coarse salt
- ☐ Change of clothes
  - Seasonally dependent; have a change of clothes and footwear appropriate for spending an extended amount of time outside the vehicle in the current weather conditions



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### Beyond the Basics

Most of these will come in handy throughout general life scenarios and are a good idea to keep around. What you add will be dependent on your vehicle and your lifestyle.

#### Personal

- ☐ Toilet paper
  - Take the cardboard out and flatten it to save space; store it in a zip-lock bag to keep it dry
- ☐ Kleenex/tissue paper
- ☐ Hand sanitizer
- ☐ Baby wipes
- ☐ Small bag of toiletries (enough for you to take a shower and fully clean up anytime, anywhere)
  - ☐ Toothbrush
  - ☐ Toothpaste
  - ☐ Dental floss
  - ☐ Soap
  - ☐ Shampoo/conditioner
  - ☐ Hair brush
  - ☐ Deodorant
- ☐ Feminine products
  - Tampons, pads, or both (*ask your wife, girlfriend, daughter, etc. what she uses and get that, not random junk; women are particular about these things*)

#### Vehicle

- ☐ [Jump start pack](#)
- ☐ [Power inverter](#)
- ☐ [Tire chains](#)
- ☐ [Siphon pump](#)
- ☐ [Reflective safety vest](#)
- ☐ Window washer fluid
- ☐ Oil
- ☐ Anti-freeze

#### Survival

- ☐ [Water filter](#)
  - [Bags](#), [bottles](#), [hydration packs](#), or some other way to carry the water you've filtered
- ☐ [Emergency radio](#) (NOAA Weather Radio, Weatheradio Canada, etc.)
  - Upgrade pick: [ham radio](#) for communication plus news and weather radio alerts
- ☐ Reflective/high visibility [survival blanket](#) or [bivvy](#)
- ☐ [Tarp](#)
- ☐ [Paracord](#) (50+ meters worth)
- ☐ Fire starters
  - Bic lighters, [matches](#), [BlastMatch](#), [tinder](#), etc.
- ☐ [Binoculars](#)
- ☐ Change of clothes for each family member (seasonally dependent)
  - Don't forget underwear and socks
- ☐ Broken in boots or sturdy shoes for each family member
- ☐ Wide-brim hat
- ☐ [N95 respirators](#) (one or more for every family member)
- ☐ Backpack to carry everything