
Family Survival Planning

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EMERGENCY CHECKLIST FOR YOUR CAR

Even if you are at home when a disaster strikes, and your home is well stocked, you may still need the supplies in your car. Your house may not be safe to enter, or may catch fire after a disaster like an earthquake.

Your car will be one of your most important resources after a disaster strikes. Keep it mechanically sound, and pay close attention to the exhaust system. A leaking exhaust system could kill.

- Always keep your gas tank full! Fill it when it reaches 1/2 a tank. You will thank yourself the first time you are stuck in a traffic jam in bad weather.
- Think of your car's trunk as a big steel supply cabinet. Keep your supplies in the trunk along with other items like tools, jumper cables and spare tire.
- Keep the car mechanically sound and ready to use.
- Keep supplies in the car for use in an emergency.
- Replace your battery every 2-3 years. In an emergency, your car battery will need to run the radio and heater for extended periods.

Do this yourself or have a mechanic check the following items on your car to keep it ready:

- Battery
- Antifreeze
- Wipers and windshield washer fluid
- Ignition system
- Thermostat
- Lights and flashing hazard
- Exhaust system
- Heater
- Brakes
- Defroster
- Make sure the tires have adequate tread

Items that should be in your Auto Emergency Kit

	Bottled water
	Sturdy walking shoes and socks
	Poncho
	First Aid Kit and manual
	Facial tissue
	Sundry kit, paper and pencil, map, moist towelettes, plastic bags
	Flashlights and batteries
	Energy foods or bars
	Trail mix
	Ready-to-eat foods (utensils to eat them if necessary)
	Radio and batteries
	Space or fleece blankets, or sleeping bags
	Small bottle of aspirin or pain reliever
	Charger for your cell phone
	Small folding umbrella

Emergency tools or items to keep in the trunk:

	Class ABC Fire Extinguisher
	Shovel and tools
	Waterproof matches and candles
	Short rubber hose for siphoning
	Bag of sand
	Reflectors and flares
	Jumper cables

This list is by no means "complete". There may be other items that your family would need.

If you do not have time, or are not interested in assembling your own items, visit our website for more options. [Auto Emergency Kits](#)