

Rural Winter Vehicle Emergency Kit Checklist

	Blankets - Wool blankets (1 for each person usually traveling in the vehicle), foil emergency blankets that come in first aid kits. Alternate: low-temperature rated sleeping bags.
	Water – Store plastic bottles of water 'deep' under blankets, or in an insulated bag or cooler to keep them from freezing. Alternatives: water bladders used for mountaineering/hiking, emergency water rations in foil packets, camping water blocks.
	Food - Non-perishable, high-energy foods such as your favorite energy bars, trail mix, MRE meals that come with their own heat sources, or some dehydrated foods like jerky or dried fruit. Secure in pest-proof packages.
	Flashlight - A big spotlight-style light and smaller hand-crank versions for using in the vehicle, including batteries and a hand/crank recharger where applicable.
	Small Shovel – collapsible or one piece.
	Cat Litter – for traction in the event you get stuck in a slippery situation.
	Magnetic Emergency Flasher - These make your vehicle visible to any passing vehicles, or to first responders if you're able to make a 911 call via your cell.
	Extra Clothing - An extra coat, warm socks, gloves and waterproof boots for each person usually travelling in the vehicle, sealed in a waterproof bag of some sort are critical.
	A Heat Source - An emergency candle (the ones that come in a metal container with a lid), lighter, waterproof matches, and if you can swing it, a camping stove or a Kelly Kettle (or even a big metal coffee can), complete with a small bag of dry kindling.
	Heated Glove Warmers – Minimum of 1 set for each person who regularly travels in the vehicle, preferably 3 sets (just in case).
	Large Plastic Garbage Bags – To use as a waterproof layer, or to wrap feet inside shoes to keep them dry in case you end up trekking through the snow.
	Battery-powered Radio with Extra Batteries OR a Hand-Crank Emergency Radio
	Multi-tool or Pocket Knife
	Small Comfort Item – Games, books, journals, a toy for each child.
	Saw – A small folding saw or larger hand saw.
	Compass and Road Maps - Always have an old-school back-up in case your smart phone doesn't work or runs out of juice. You need to know where you are and where you're going.
	Cups - For drinking water if you end up melting snow to drink.
	Hand Crank Cell Phone Charger
	Rope
	The Obvious Things - pencil and paper for writing instructions/directions/notes to rescuers, jumper cables, fire extinguisher, tow rope, flares and road hazard reflectors, a vehicle hammer (for breaking windows and cutting seatbelts) and a first aid kit.