

# Winter Driving Tips

Driving in the winter means changes in the way you drive. Snow, sleet and ice can lead to slower traffic, hazardous road conditions and unforeseen dangers. Keep yourself and your family safe. Prepare your vehicle for the upcoming winter season.

Keep your fuel tank full or near full to avoid being caught on the road in long lines of slow moving traffic. (This also is a reserve to be able to run the engine and heater if you become stranded).

Always carry an emergency kit in your vehicle.



## Your kit should include:

- Working flashlight and extra batteries
- Flares
- First aid kit
- A properly inflated spare tire, wheel wrench and the jack designed for your vehicle
- Tow and tire chains
- Jumper cables and a toolkit
- Blanket, warm clothes, hat and gloves
- Brightly colored cloth
- A bag of salt, sand or non-clumping kitty litter to use for added traction when a tire is stuck
- Compass
- Extra washer fluid
- Ice scraper, snow brush and shovel
- Wooden stick matches in a waterproof container
- Non-perishable, high energy foods like unsalted canned nuts, dried fruits and hard candy

## If You Become Stranded:

- Do not leave your vehicle unless you know exactly where you are, how far it is to possible help and are certain you will improve your situation
- To attract attention, light two flares and place one at each end of the vehicle a safe distance away
- Hang a brightly colored cloth from your antenna
- If you are sure the vehicle's exhaust pipe is not blocked, run the engine and heater for about 10 minutes every hour or so depending on the amount of gas in the tank
- Protect yourself from frostbite and hypothermia; use woolen items and blankets to keep warm
- Keep at least one window open slightly as heavy snow and ice can seal a vehicle shut
- Eat hard candy to keep your mouth moist.

***Remember to keep your fuel tank full or near full in the winter months.***