

## Winter Driving Safety Tips

Consider keeping a breakdown kit in your vehicle at all times. Breakdown kits may be purchased from a variety of sources, or you can assemble your own at any auto parts or similar store.

A basic breakdown kit should include:

- A flashlight
- Jumper cables
- A tire gauge
- Duct tape
- Flares or reflectors
- A blanket

Also consider carrying:

- A small 12 volt tire inflator
- Paper towels and a roll of toilet paper
- An empty never used 1 gallon gas can
- A small collection of hand tools (screwdrivers, pliers, etc)
- Snack food and water if taking a longer trip

In addition to your basic breakdown kit, you should also have a basic **first aid kit** in your vehicle at all times!!

Know how to access your spare tire and jack. Keep your **fuel tank as full as possible**. It costs the same to fill the top half of your tank as it does to fill the bottom half. Keep at least a half tank of gas throughout winter.

If you experience a breakdown, pull as far onto the shoulder as possible and turn your emergency flashers on. If you have a cellular phone, summon assistance from a reputable source or call for law enforcement response if your vehicle is in any way obstructing traffic. Otherwise, raise your hood and await assistance inside your **locked** vehicle.

If a stranger stops to help, speak to them **through a partially rolled-down window**. Do not exit your vehicle until a law enforcement officer or tow operator are on scene.



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