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Office of Emergency Management

As fall fades away and winter approaches the Office of Emergency Management has a preparedness tip for travel during the winter season. Everyone should keep a winter survival kit in their vehicle. These kits can be purchased on line by typing in "FEMA compliant kits" in your search engine or assembled at home by you.

Winter survival kits should include:

- a shovel
- windshield scraper and small broom
- flashlight with extra batteries
- battery powered radio
- water
- snack food including energy bars
- raisins and mini candy bars
- matches and small candles
- extra hats, socks and mittens
- First aid kit with pocket knife
- Necessary medications
- blankets or sleeping bag
- tow chain or rope
- road salt, sand, or cat litter for traction
- booster cables
- emergency flares and reflectors
- fluorescent distress flag and whistle to attract attention
- Cell phone adapter to plug into lighter



Kits should be stored where they can be reached in the event your trunk cannot be opened and should be easy to locate in your vehicle.

When traveling during adverse weather conditions tell friends and family your destination and planned route. Make sure your vehicle is prepared and safe to drive in adverse weather.

If you become stuck in the ditch turn your vehicle off. If the exhaust system is covered Carbon Monoxide will build up in the cab of the vehicle and can cause illness and death. Stay Calm. Tie some type of hi visibility ribbon to a high point of your vehicle so you can be seen. Stay with your vehicle.

For additional weather preparedness tips, go bag suggestions, road condition information, and current weather advisories go to Be Ready Minnesota at the below link.

<https://mn.gov/mmb/be-ready-mn/>