

## Vehicle Survival Kit

Every driver should carry a survival kit in his or her vehicle. Here are some important items to consider:

- Booster cables. The thicker the better. Look for four or six-gauge cables.
- Vehicle fluids. These include windshield washer fluid, gas-line antifreeze, motor oil, transmission oil, power steering fluid, brake fluid, anti-freeze, and rags for wiping dipsticks so fluid levels can be checked properly.
- An approved container able to hold up to four litres of gasoline.
- Emergency flares. If you ever have to use them, remember to place them at least 15 metres away from your car to give other drivers adequate warning of the problem.
- Sand, salt or kitty litter during winter. This comes in handy when stuck and wheels are spinning on ice.
- Emergency food and water pack.
- Shovel and axe or hatchet.
- A mini air compressor to help inflate a flat tire and/or puncture seal gels.
- A tire gauge for measuring the air pressure in your tires.
- Spare fuses. Carry an assortment that includes at least one of 7.5, 10, 15, 20, 35 and 30 amp fuses.
- A flashlight and spare batteries.
- Tool kit, including a good quality screwdriver set with a flat head, Phillips head, Robertson head, and Torx head, pliers, small hammer, utility knife, ratchet socket set, a four-way wrench, Vice-Grip pliers, seatbelt cutter, rolls of electrical and duct tape.
- First aid kit
- A blanket (the special "survival" blankets are best)
- An emergency candle and camping matches
- Road maps
- Ice scraper and brush
- Fire extinguisher (ABC type)
- Tow rope
- Whistle

**Always remember to keep your vehicle serviced regularly. Keep your gas tank at least half full. Drive carefully.**