

# Important items to keep in your car this summer

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The hot Texas summer is approaching quickly. Summer is the time of year for car shows, road trips, and cruising on the open road. Are you prepared if your car breaks down, you are involved in an accident, or someone suffers from heat exhaustion? Are you prepared for being stranded miles away from help? Below are some items that might be useful if you find yourself in an emergency

situation on the road.

Every car should have a basic first aid kit, jumper cables, and a small basic tool kit. To help be as prepared as possible, put together a backpack or trunk organizer with the following items:

- Duck tape
- Safety vest
- Emergency blankets (comes in small pouches for easy storage)
- Auto emergency hammer (these come with seatbelt cutter and window hammer, but some come equipped with strobe lights or flash lights)
- At least 2 flashlights

- Portable radio
- Extra batteries for portable radio and flashlights
- Rope
- Automotive/utility gloves
- Emergency roadside tire repair kit
- Insect repellent wipes
- Sunscreen
- At least 2 emergency ponchos
- Disposable camera (for photos in case of accident)
- Bottles of water (both small bottles and a gallon container of water)
- Flares or emergency lights
- Clean, empty gas can
- Ten dollars in zip lock bag for emergency (gas, toll road, etc.)
- Pocket knife and flint
- Small portions of snacks (granola bars, nuts, etc.)
- Allergy and pain relief pills

Any other items that may be useful depending on an individuals personal situation should be included in the kit. Being prepared for any situation while on the road is important to successfully handling the situation. Be prepared and be safe on the roads this summer.