

# Winter weather is here. Are you ready to #drivesmartms?

## PACK YOUR WINTER WEATHER CAR KIT NOW.

The safety of the traveling public is our top priority as winter weather moves through the state. Use our resources to help you get to your destination safely.

Here are eight items you'll need to have in your car in case of a winter weather emergency.

### CAR KIT CHECKLIST

- Windshield scraper
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Jumper cables
- First aid kit
- Blankets
- Cell phone charger
- Water/snacks
- Emergency flares or reflectors



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## PREPARE YOUR VEHICLE FOR WINTER WEATHER.

What are you doing to keep your car running through the winter?  
Do you know what it takes to stay safe while driving in winter weather?

MDOT is working to make sure you get home safely this winter with tips for safe driving and car care.

### SAFE DRIVING TIPS

- Buckle up.
- Slow down.
- Allow more space between your vehicle and the one in front of you.
- Brake early and gently to avoid skidding and never slam on the brakes.
- Use headlights to be more visible to other motorists.
- Avoid using cruise control on icy roads.
- Avoid distractions such as talking on a cell phone and texting.
- Stay alert and watch out for other drivers on the roadway.

### CAR CARE TIPS

- Have your car battery and charging system checked for optimum performance.
- Clean, flush and put new antifreeze in your car's cooling system.
- Have your brakes checked.
- Make sure the heater, defroster and windshield wipers work properly.
- Check the tire pressure weekly during the winter months.
- Make sure your inside lights are working and your headlights are aimed properly.
- Change your oil and oil filter at the recommended intervals.
- Make sure the exhaust system has no leaks. Carbon monoxide can accumulate quickly in closed vehicles.



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MDOT has free resources to assist you in the event of winter weather. Access what you need to know about road conditions, weather and more – even locate welcome centers and rest areas. Visit [MDOTtraffic.com](http://MDOTtraffic.com) or download the MDOT Traffic App from the App Store or Google Play.



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