

Vehicle Kits

As long as roads are passable, a motor vehicle with a well stocked **Vehicle Survival Kit** could come in very handy, and may be the best way to evacuate a disaster area. Or, at the very least, it may provide valuable shelter in inclement weather.

One has to be careful here though, as *Vehicle Kits* can become unwieldy. So really take stock of what you feel like you need, not whats on someones suggested list.

Food and Hard Goods:

Hard goods and food supplies left in your vehicle might include, non heat sensitive items such as dehydrated fruits and meals, high-calorie energy bars, a cooking kit, utensils, tiny military can openers, liquid soap, and towels.

A small camping/backpacking style stove will become invaluable in cold weather, plus, one or two extra fuel containers, minimum. Bring fire starting supplies and a lighter. Never leave these flammable items in your vehicle unless you are leaving, directly.

Water and other Essentials:

A quality commercial water filter is essential, and filter straws, for emergency water purification. Medical supplies may include, eyeglass repair kit, scissors, tweezers, ace bandages, adhesive tape, gauze, burn and antibiotic ointment, aspirin, alcohol pads, ipecac syrup, sterile water, cotton rags, soap, toilet paper, and cotton swabs.

Shelter:

For sheltering, if you don't already have a tent, carry a nylon tarp and 100 feet of nylon cord. A cold weather sleeping bag is a must. Extra clothes and coats, blankets, even a collapsible chair or cot, will make life more comfortable if space allows.

If you don't have a rudimentary tool kit in your vehicle, consider at minimum, carrying a flashlight, hatchet, hammer, vise grip pliers, crescent wrench, screw drivers (+ and -), 100 feet of 1/2 inch rope, a lightweight wrecking bar, a shovel and spade.

End Notes:

Make up a list of your Vehicle Survival Kit contents, play around with it over time, refine it, always asking yourself, is it practical for you and your personal situation?