

9 Things to Keep in Your Car as It Gets Cold

Accidents are [far more likely](#) on roads covered with any type of precipitation, and the fall and winter months are typically chock full of those conditions, no matter where you live. Colder weather can also wreak havoc on your vehicle in ways that might not be obvious at first.

It's always a good idea to get your car checked thoroughly before it gets cold to make sure it's in good shape to handle everything that comes with winter. You'll also want to stock up on emergency gear should your vehicle break down anyway.

But before we get into that, here are the things you should always have in your car no matter the season: **Jumper cables, a first aid kit, a cellphone and charger, a spare tire and a small tool kit.**

Now, let's get into the things that will be come in handy during those winter months.

1. A phone charging block

You should always have a cellphone on you when driving, but if your car breaks down in the winter, you'll want to make sure you get help as soon as possible, and your phone stays charged long enough for people to find you. A charging block should be charged ahead of time; otherwise it won't be much use to you. Try making a habit of charging it along with your phone when you go to sleep at night.

2. A shovel, scraper and pick axe

These three tools could be literal lifesavers if you slide into a snowy ditch and need to dig yourself out. They'll also be helpful if your car breaks down in a snowstorm, and lots of snow accumulates while you wait for help.

3. Snow socks

Many people forget to have snow chains or snow tires installed before they actually need them. [Snow socks](#) are an inexpensive quick way to get more traction in a pinch you suddenly find yourself in wintry conditions. They might even be able to get you up a slippery hill if you find yourself facing one.

4. A warm blanket, sleeping bag and extra clothes

If you wind up stranded and waiting for assistance in a rapidly chilling car, you'll be glad to have lots of warm layers in your trunk. An insulated sleeping bag is ideal, but a large, wool blanket

and long underwear, extra warm sweats, socks and mitten are also key to keeping your body temperature up.

5. Cat litter

It might sound weird, but [cat litter](#) is an inexpensive, less corrosive equivalent to road salt. A bag of it in your car could mean the difference between you easily peeling out of a slippery situation, and, well, not.

6. High calorie snacks and water

It's always a good idea to have some high calorie, shelf-stable food, like protein bars, in the car. They can actually help your body stay warmer because they require more energy to digest than other lower calories foods. You should also always have several bottles of water on hand because staying hydrated helps keep you warmer in the winter as well.

7. Battery-powered road flares

Battery-powered road flares can stay on for hours, so they're often a better option than the ones you ignite. They're also easily stored, and usually come in packs, so they're economical. The best part is they warm up, so they won't become obscured by falling snow.

8. A flashlight and extra batteries

It's a good idea to have a flashlight in your car year-round, but especially in the winter months when it gets dark so early. It's also helpful to keep extra batteries in your glove compartment, because there are few things worse than realizing your flashlight doesn't work when you really need it.

9. Sunglasses

Snow and ice can reflect a lot of light, so even though it's wintertime, shades can protect your eyes from glare. That way you can better see the road ahead of you and which will help keep you from getting into an accident.

Stay Safe,

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To: ALL Residents in the Town of Haverstraw



Happy Memorial Day

February 2, 2022

The Town of Haverstraw Highway Department is **CLOSED** for **Memorial Day** on **Monday, May 30, 2022**.

- **No** Bulk pick up on **Monday**. All Bulk by appointment **ONLY** will be picked upon **Tuesday, May 31, 2022**.
- Capasso Recycling will conduct business as usual. For questions/concerns, please call Capasso at 845 786-2139.
- Sterling Carting Garbage will be **CLOSED Monday, May 30, 2022**.
Monday garbage will be picked on Tuesday.
Tuesday garbage will be picked on Wednesday.

Please call Sterling Carting for any questions 845 753-6666.

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