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Tips For Winter Driving

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Before winter arrives, have your car inspected to be sure it is ready for the road conditions.

Check your tires to be sure they are road ready. Install tires that are appropriate for the driving conditions.

Prepare an emergency kit to keep in the back of your car. This will ensure that you are prepared for any emergency.

Ice scraper

Small broom

Small shovel

Kitty litter or a bag of sand (to give traction if you get stuck in snow or ice)

Blankets or a sleeping bag

Flashlight with batteries

Flares or warning triangles

Plastic bags

First aid kit

Tool kit

Jumper cables

Bright cloth to use as a flag

Help sign for back window

Extra hat and gloves

Food and water to sustain you if you get stuck

A book, Bible or Prayer Cards to keep you busy and calm in the event you get stuck.

Charged cell phone (always carry this, especially in the winter)

Keep your gas tank at least half full at all times. This adds weight to the car and will ensure you have enough fuel to get home.

Driving in the Snow

Pay attention to the weather forecasts and road conditions in the winter months. If the weather is bad, it is best to stay home.

When driving, always wear your seatbelt. Wear sunglasses to protect your eyes from the glare of the sun.

Take it slow, especially in icy conditions. Don't tailgate and be sure to allow a safe distance between you and the car in front of you.

If the visibility is low, slow down even more. Consider getting off highways and driving even slower on local roads.

In the event your car gets stuck, don't get out. Put up the hood and tie your cloth to the antenna to make it visible to other drivers.

Keeping your car clean throughout the winter is important. Salt on the roads is important for safety, but it can damage your car's paint.

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