

Safe Winter Driving & Travel Checklist

Preliminary Questions

1. If the weather looks bad, can I postpone my trip?
2. Do I have a printed map and understand my route?
3. How much time is needed, and do I have significant extra time in case the weather slows me down?
4. Have I checked the weather reports along the route?

Mechanical Checklist

For all fluids, parts, and maintenance guidelines see vehicle owner's manual.

1. Inspect car (e.g. self or mechanic)	
2. Battery and charging system	
3. Tire pressure	
4. Tire tread	
5. Test defrosters	
6. Floor mats	
7. Clean cameras and sensors	
8. Check signals/brake lights	

Fluids

9. Test wipers	
10. Wiper fluid	
11. Brake fluid	
12. Coolant	
13. Oil	
14. Fill up gas	

Miscellaneous

15. Review insurance coverage	
16. Notify others of trip (route, departure & expected arrival)	
17. Warm clothing	
18. Devices charged	

Equipment Checklist

19. Snow shovel	
20. Bag of salt (or kitty litter)	
21. Emergency triangles / flares	
22. Chains (depending on snow depth)	
23. Blankets/emergency blankets	
24. Water	
25. Flashlight and batteries	
26. Extra phone charger / battery	
27. Jumper cables	
28. Ice scraper	
29. Snacks	
30. Candles in containers	
31. Matches or lighter	
32. Medications	
33. First-aid kit (optional)	