

Car Kit Checklist

- Food and water
 - ◆ We keep food, utensils and paper plates all in one bag while we keep water under the seats. I usually keep ready to eat foods that don't require any cooking.
- Get home bag
 - ◆ This bag is used when you have to leave the vehicle to walk on foot. There's a checklist available for this bag on my website.
- Car tool kit
 - ◆ Keep tools that you need for your vehicle in your car, also make sure you know how to use those tools.
- First aid kit
 - ◆ We keep a pretty extensive first aid kit in our Jeep, bordering a trauma kit.
- Phone charger
 - ◆ We keep a phone cord in our car at all times, but we also keep an external battery charger.
- Candle(s)
 - ◆ Candles are useful for light as well as to add a little extra heat to your car if you need it. I've never had a problem with candles melting in extreme car heat, but you'll need to keep an eye on that.
- Flashlight(s)
 - ◆ At least one flashlight is a good idea. Don't forget the extra batteries.
- Toilet paper/paper towels
 - ◆ I can't tell you how often we've needed to use the toilet paper from our Jeep. We also store paper towels as they're quite useful to clean up messes.
- Folding shovel
 - ◆ A folding shovel has so many uses, you never know you might need one!
- Multitool/knife
 - ◆ We've had to use the multitool that we keep in our Jeep several times. It's also not a bad idea to keep an extra knife, maybe a budget knife that you don't care so much about.

Optional:

- Extra clothes/blankets
 - ◆ It never hurts to have an extra hat or other clothing in case you need to change your clothes or if you forget a hat. We also keep a couple extra shemaghs in the Jeep. It's also advisable to carry a couple extra blankets, or even those emergency blankets.
- Entertainment

- ◆ If you get stuck in your vehicle, you may want some sort of entertainment such as a book.
- Pet supplies
 - ◆ If you have pets, you may want to keep extra supplies in the vehicle for them, such as a leash, collapsible water bowls and snacks.
- Child supplies
 - ◆ If you have a child or children, you may want to consider extra supplies for them. I keep extra clothes, diapers, snacks and entertainment in the Jeep at all times for my daughter.
- CB or HAM radio
 - ◆ Anyone can have a CB radio in their vehicle. It may be able to reach people if your phone can't. A HAM can reach even further, but HAM requires a license.
- Extra ammunition
 - ◆ If you carry a firearm, it's perfectly safe to store ammo in your vehicle. It would have to get over 400 degrees inside of your vehicle in order for the ammunition to "explode", so it's perfectly safe to store ammunition in your vehicle. You will have to keep an eye on the humidity in the vehicle, as that could damage the ammunition. It's up to you. Also include extra hearing protection and eye protection.
- Battery charger
 - ◆ This is really nice to have but can get a bit expensive depending on what you want. You can use this if your battery dies and you don't have to rely on anyone else to help get your battery going again. You could also consider getting a solar panel that helps to trickle power into your battery.

Important notes: The car kit isn't necessarily all one big bag. We keep certain items in certain places. For instance, we keep a bag with food in the back seat, while the water is kept under the seats. We have a whole separate bag with just Jeep tools and accessories in it. We keep a multitool and flashlight in the glove box, while extra batteries and such are kept in the center console. It's okay if you keep items in different places, just as long as you know where you keep those items. There are a lot of things you could add to your vehicle that probably aren't on this list that would be dependent on your region, such as an ice scraper. Think about your region and what would be good for your specific needs.

If you ever need to bounce ideas or need help in anyway, I'm here!

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