WHAT SHOULD BE IN A WINTER CAR KIT?

Ready.gov lists jumper cables, sand, warm clothing, blankets, water and snacks for a winter car kit, and says to keep the gas tank full. Keep the kit in the car, not in the house, so it is there when you are stranded.

THE STEPS

01 Pack jumper cables, sand, warm clothing and blankets.

02 Add water and snacks.

03 Keep the gas tank full.

04 Check road conditions before you leave, at 511mt.net or by calling 511.

05 Keep a charged phone, and a backup battery.

THE CHECKLIST

- ☐ Jumper cables
- ☐ Sand
- ☐ Warm clothing
- ☐ Blankets
- ☐ Water and snacks
- ☐ Phone charger or backup battery

Sources: Ready.gov, Winter Weather; Ready.gov, Build a Kit; Montana Department of Transportation, Travel Info (511). Last reviewed November 17, 2026. General planning information, not medical, legal or financial advice.