

Winter driving tips 2024

Vehicle

Good tires check tire air pressure

Wiper blades and winter Fluid

Ice Scraper with brush **USE IT BEFORE YOU LEAVE** Clear the snow form lights and top of vehicle

Keep Gas tank above ½ in the winter

Warm the car up before you go it is hard on everything and can reduce the life of the car costing you more money in the end.

Winter Kit for the Car

Metal can with candle and matches and lighter

Small sharp knife

Simple 1st aid kit

Pencil and paper for writing down phone numbers leaving note if you leave

Large plastic garbage bag Might need it to replace a window.

Duct tape or gorilla tape

Flash light and keep batteries out to maintain the life and no corrosion

Cell phone charger

Snacks peanuts/candy bars/food bars

Hand and body warmers **HOT HANDS**

Some bottles of water

Blanket or sleeping bag

Shovel small is fine

Tow rope or chain

Jumper cables

Warm clothing

Driving in the winter

Know the conditions 511 app

keep eye on weather conditions and what is forecasted

Plan ahead Stay home if you can during bad storms **Ask is this worth my life?** Other person might not be as good of a driver as you. If you do go then.....

Slow down allow extra drive time you might not be able to go the speed limit.

Increase following distances

Accelerate and decelerate slowly no spinning or skidding you are not in control if this is happening.

Know your vehicle and how the brakes work

NO CRUISE CONTROL!!!!!! Good way to be surprised and think your car is possessed before you go into the ditch

Maybe do a check at slow speed to see how icy it is with a hard brake and fast accelerate.

Give snow plows some room

4x4 and all-wheel drive will not stop or steer any better on ice or snow packed roads.

IN THE DITCH OR STUCK

Call the police Sherriff or state patrol let them know where you are see if they can get someone there to help. Be aware that it might take some time to get to you.

Stay in the vehicle do not walk on the road to go get help. Could get hit or at the very least you are exposed to the elements you can survive in the car. If you do get a ride let someone (authorities) know and then you your plans on removal of the car.

Turn on emergency flashers and crack a window if car is running to keep some fresh air check the tail pipe so that it does not become plugged.