Vehicle Emergency Kit Planning:

Basic vehicle emergencies can occur at any time and for a variety of reasons. These situations can happen during winter or summer driving. Be prepared for these situations in advance by having the necessary emergency equipment on hand.

Emergency vehicle equipment can be used in situations such as vehicle break downs, flat tires, dead batteries, or car accidents. The below items are recommended in preparing for situations such as these.

- Jumper Cables – Make sure you know how to use these.
- Tow Strap/Chain – You may need someone to pull your car.
- Tool Set – Just the basics:
    - Phillips and Flathead screwdrivers
    - Wire Cutters
    - Wire strippers/crimpers and several different types of connectors, electrical tape and some spare wire.
    - Duct Tape
    - Pliers
    - Hammer
- Hose repair kit – Available at any Automotive Store.
- Antifreeze – One gallon for overheating or leaks.
- Spare fuses – Know where your fuse box is, how to tell if they are blown and how to replace them.
- Spare light bulbs – Headlights and taillight bulbs.
- Shovel – You may need to dig your car out of dirt, sand or snow.
- Flat Tire Repair Kit – Includes the following:
    - Can of Fix-A-Flat – Used to stop leaks without changing your tire.
    - Spare Tire - Know where it is and how to get it out, Check your spare tire at least once a year to make sure it is still functional.
    - Jack - Know where it is and how to get it out and use it.
    - Lug Wrench - Know where it is and how to use it.
- Flashlight – Always keep at least one in your car.
- Road Flares or Reflector Triangle – If you break down putting one of these can warn oncoming vehicles.
- Money – Enough for a few gallons of gas, tow charges or to use a phone.
- Umbrella – Useful for everyday use as well as emergency situations.

- Wet Wipes – Good for cleanup after repairs or if you have kids.
- Diapers – if you have young children in the car, keep spare diapers on hand.
- Toilet Paper – Just in case.
- Fire Extinguisher – Know how to use one and keep it available.
- Gloves – Keep a pair of work gloves available to protect your hands.
- Tarp – Can provide you with a clean, dry work space if you have to kneel, sit or lay on the ground or in a survival situation it can be used as an emergency shelter or a blanket.
- Storage Box – For the contents of your emergency kit.
- Water – Especially in the summer. Can be used for engine overheating or drinking. At least one gallon should be available.
- First Aid Kid – Know what is included and take a basic first aid class if possible.
- Cell Phone – Call 911 or a friend/relative.
- Disposable Camera – Used for accident documentation.
- Food – Dried or dehydrated works best.