




## Road and Weather Information

 Oregon Department of Transportation,  
1-800-977-ODOT (6368) or dial 5-1-1  
from your cell phone.

 ODOT from outside Oregon, 1-503-  
588-2941



*Know **before** you go.*

 Oregon Department of Transportation,  
“Trip Check,” [www.tripcheck.com](http://www.tripcheck.com)

 National Weather Service, Portland,  
[www.weather.gov/portland](http://www.weather.gov/portland)



Benton County:  
**At Your Service**  
Every Day

### Reference:

Benton County Sheriff's Office  
**Emergency Management, Search & Rescue**  
180 NW 5th Street, Corvallis, OR 97330  
[www.co.benton.or.us/sheriff/ems](http://www.co.benton.or.us/sheriff/ems)

Phone: 541.766.6864  
Fax: 541.766-6052



## Emergency Vehicle Kit\*

*In every vehicle,  
all the time..*

\* You never know  
when you'll be glad  
that you had one!



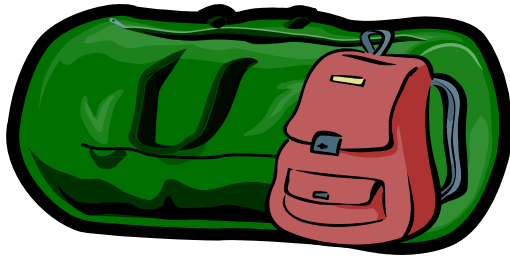
## A gift for you...

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

This is our way of letting you know how much you mean to us. Always travel and arrive at your destination safely.

Keep a vehicle travel emergency kit in each vehicle all the time. Make sure the contents are kept current (check condition and expiration dates) and are replenished if you use them.

We have included some items to get you started, they are checked off on the list. You get to do the rest.



*In addition to your emergency kit, keep a backpack in your vehicle so that you can take a few essentials from your emergency kit with you if you go hiking away from your car. When you return, put the items back in your vehicle emergency kit.*

Safe travels,

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## Kit Contents:

This gift is a start toward your travel safety. You get to complete the kit with things you probably already have around the house and other items that fit your particular needs.

- Maps
- Compass/GPS
- Quality whistle (storm or boat-type)
- Flares
- Flashlight & extra batteries
- Light sticks
- Heavy duty plastic bags, bright orange is best, that can be used for rain gear and/or signaling
- Extra warm clothing
- Rain gear or ponchos
- Warm hat
- Sturdy shoes or boots and extra socks
- Work gloves
- Blankets and/or “space blankets”
- Hand warmers
- Food and water—high energy, ready to eat foods and potable water. A water treatment/purifying device is also wise.
- First aid kit
- Necessary medications
- Candles, waterproof matches
- Battery powered radio and extra batteries
- Cell phone, extra battery and charger
- ABC type Fire Extinguisher
- Shovel
- Some assorted tools
- Booster/Jumper cables
- Chains or traction mats
- Shop towels

## Before You Travel ...

- ✓ Check vehicles for safety and road worthiness before every trip. Are all lights working? Brakes? Fluids check. Check and replace windshield wipers. Are tires and tread are in good condition? Are traction tires or devices installed or on board as needed?
- ✓ Adjust headlights if you significantly change the load distribution in the vehicle. Headlights should provide you with good visibility but not blind oncoming traffic.
- ✓ Evaluate your own road worthiness before you go. Are you safe to drive defensively? Are you: rested? sober? alert? well? Watch for the impairing effects of being tired, ill, upset or distracted and even how you react to over-the-counter medications. Err on the side of caution, particularly with road and weather conditions and other drivers that may challenge your skills.
- ✓ Make sure that each vehicle has an emergency kit on board: stocked, replenished, supplies are current.
- ✓ “Know before you go.” Check road and weather conditions before you travel.
- ✓ Always use safety belts or child safety seats for everyone in the vehicle.
- ✓ Slow down. Simply put, this is some of the very best increment and heavy traffic driving advice. Maintain extra distance between you and other vehicles. When roads are slippery from rain, leaves, snow or ice, you’ll absolutely need the extra distance to compensate for road conditions.
- ✓ When road and weather conditions are bad, consider postponing your trip. If you must travel, let someone know your travel plans, including route, departure and arrival times.