

Be Prepared For The Unexpected



Recommends Packing A Winter Driving **EMERGENCY KIT**

It's important to keep some essential winter-specific emergency gear in the car, especially if you travel in rural or remote areas. If possible, keep it in the passenger compartment in case you can't reach the trunk. That kit should include:

- ◆ Jumper cables
- ◆ A combination ice scraper/snow brush
- ◆ A compact shovel
- ◆ A bag of sand or cat litter
- ◆ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ◆ Some nonperishable food, such as nuts and energy bars
- ◆ Bottled water
- ◆ Spare winter jacket, gloves and boots
- ◆ A blanket or sleeping bag
- ◆ Baby formula and diapers if you have a young child
- ◆ First-aid kit
- ◆ Reading material to keep you occupied while you wait for help or for traffic to clear

If you become stuck or stranded, stay with the vehicle, which will provide shelter and make you easier to find. If you have a cell phone, call for help. And remember, to paraphrase an English poet, if it's winter soon, can spring be far behind?