



WHAT BELONGS IN A CAR

The following is a beginning list of things you may find in your car. There are also blank spaces for you to add additional items.

Several readers pointed out the absence of a list of beach and summer items. Thank you! So please add any of those kinds of items to your own list and I'll add them to the next edition of the printed book.

EMERGENCY NEEDS:

- Blanket (or two)
- Flashlight
- Flares
- First Aid kit
- Reflective signs/triangles/tape
- Tire iron
- Jack
- Spare tire (properly inflated)
- Jumper Cables
- Help sign
- Motor oil
- Fire extinguisher
- 'Fix-a-flat' or other aerosol inflation product
- Rubber mallet
- Fluorescent safety vest
- Cigarette lighter
- Bottle of water (or two)
- Disposable camera
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MAINTENANCE:

- Owner's manual
- Toolbox
- Gloves, work
- Tire pressure gauge
- Duct tape
- Rope
- WD40 or other mechanical lubricant
- Spare fuse(s)
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- Clear plastic folder/envelope containing copies of maintenance/warranty receipts and the Automobile Facts & Figures Sheet

TRAVEL AND COMFORT AIDS:

- GPS device and power source
- Maps (current, all stored together)
- Atlas (current)
- EZ Pass or other toll-road transponder
- Garage door opener
- Parking permit(s), as needed
- Mobile phone
- Mobile phone charger
- Bluetooth or other hands-free device
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- Cradle for Mobile phone and or iPod
- iPod converter
- CDs/DVDs/Cassette Tapes
- Trash bags
- Tubs, bins, plastic crates or laundry basket
- Cooler or other insulated food container

- Medium-sized tote or shopping bag (or two)
- Re-sealable ziplock bags (multiple sizes)
- Over-the-seat pocket organizers
- Bottle of water (or two)
- Old towel (or two)
- Wet naps/Baby wipes
- Napkins/tissues
- Map(s) & atlases
- Bottle of water (or two)
- Camping gear (if you camp with frequency)
- Sporting gear (if you play frequently)
- Bungee cords
- Adhesive Velcro strips
- Coupons (inside a pocket/pouch/envelope)
- Pen or Pencil
- Pad of paper
- Umbrella

Winter:

- Gloves, winter weather (*one pair per passenger*)
- Hats, winter weather (*one per passenger*)
- Ice scraper
- Graphite/Lock De-icer
- Hand/feet warmers
- Candles
- Waterproof matches
- Energy bars or candy bars
- Bottle of water (or several)
- Cat litter (for traction on icy or wet roads)
- Collapsible or small garden shovel
- Wool or sport socks

Kids:

- Snacks that don't spoil
- More water
- A few games/puzzles/distractions
- Books or magazines
- Media player, headphones, batteries & disks/tapes
- More napkins/wet naps
- Diapers, etc. (*if needed*)

Work Product:

Any brochures/printed material, samples and displays that you regularly use for your current work.

What this isn't is the box of stuff you emptied from your desk at your last job that's never left your trunk.

Other:

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