Fog, ice, wind, rain, and snow make winter driving hazardous and slow. But with careful preparation you can keep safe and warm in any situation. To avoid the weather’s frosty grip, pack a survival kit for your trip. Pack a kit with items in the following tips.

- Warm socks, hat, and gloves. Waterproof gloves cost more, but keep your hands from freezing and going numb.
- Sleeping bag or blankets.
- Non-perishable foods such as dried fruit, nuts, granola.
- Extra medication. Check expiration dates.
- Bottled water.
- Foldable or stowable shovel.
- Flashlights and batteries.
- First aid kit.
- Jumper cables.
- Tool kit:
  - Screwdrivers (both flat-head and Phillips)
  - Pliers.
  - Box knife.
  - Small selection of wrenches.
  - Duct tape.
  - Spare bulbs for either the marker lights or headlights.
  - Extra fuses.
- Chains.
- Windshield de-icer and scraper.
- Emergency flares.
- Charged cellphone with emergency contact numbers. If you don’t have your emergency contacts memorized, then keep a paper copy as well in case you need to borrow a phone.
- Small section of tarp or other such material to lay on for installing chains.