

The Perfect Storm? Only If You Plan For It

(NAPSA)—The ideal picture of winter showcases a family sitting in front of the fireplace while snow gently falls and creates a blanket of white across the entire landscape. In reality, winter storms can bring ferocious, unexpected blizzards that often catch people slipping, skidding and sliding in the most unwanted place of all—their automobile.

If your family happens to run into a troublesome winter storm, uncertainty on what to do might set in unless you have organized in advance. The experts at Rubbermaid® Home Products, who know how life gets organized, will help put your emergency roadside equipment in order.

The team at Rubbermaid recommends gathering items that should be in your car in case you run into trouble. Start with a durable lidded container such as an Action Packer™ to be stored in your trunk, organized and within easy reach.

This emergency kit should contain the following items:

- Warm blankets
- High-calorie, non-perishable food
- Candle and a coffee mug to melt snow for drinking water or hot tea
- First aid kit
- Knife



- Antifreeze
- Flat tire repair in a can
- Windshield washer fluid
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Shovel
- Ice scraper and brush
- Bag of sand or salt
- Bright colored flag to indicate you need help
- Tool kit
- Jumper cables
- Tow rope
- Flares
- Battery operated lanterns
- Compass
- Road maps
- Extra clothing, boots and gloves
- Plastic bags in case you have no boots

Before you get out on the road this winter, have your car serviced and always keep your gas tank full to prevent fuel line freeze-up and to avoid dangerous breakdowns.

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