



CAR DISASTER SURVIVAL PLANNING TOOLKIT

To help you survive in your car, this Car Disaster Survival Toolkit describes the basics of what you need to do during the disaster in your car, how to purchase a good supply kit, and how to locate free local training.

What to Do During the Disaster in Your Car

1. Pull over to the side of the road and stop.
2. Assess yourself and your passengers for injuries.
3. If you or passengers have minor injuries, use your Red Cross Ready to Go First Aid Kit to treat injuries.
4. If you or your passengers have major injuries, call 911 on your cell phone.
5. Assess your car – is it damaged?
6. Turn on your radio to the nearest local station to get an update on the disaster.
7. If the road is clear, drive home.
8. If the road is impassable, call 911 and report your position.
9. Open your Ready-to-Go Kit and use supplies as required.
10. Wait for emergency personnel and follow orders.

Prepare: Purchase an American Red Cross Ready-to-Go Kit for Your Car

After much research, I recommend the American Red Cross Ready-to-Go Kit for your car. 10% of each Ready-to-Go Kit order is donated to American Red Cross chapter Disaster Services programs. You can order the Ready-to-Go Kit online from the American Red Cross.



The Ready-To-Go Emergency Preparedness Kit was designed to provide some of the supplies that you may need during an emergency. This kit includes a limited amount of food and water to get you from emergency to safety while providing some of the comforts from home such as a toothbrush/paste, radio and personal first aid kit. While the materials included in the kits are a good start, there is no kit that can provide all the supplies that you may need in an emergency. Your kit should be customized based on your own personal needs. A checklist of content to consider is included with the kit.

1. Go to www.redcross.org.
2. Select Store.
3. Select Emergency Preparedness Kits.
4. Selected Ready-To-Go Kit.
5. The kit is displayed as show below.
6. Follow the site instructions to order the Ready-To-Go kit and put it in your car when it arrives.

Train to Survive!

The Citizens Corps provides free Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training to prepare us to survive disasters and help others. For more information about CERT, go to <http://www.citizencorps.gov/> and enter your zip code to find the nearest CERT council to you. Contact your local CERT Council to find the free training offered through your local fire department. To display a local CERT team home website, go to www.seascapecert.org.