

NICOLLET COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT NEWS

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Winter is still coming (trust us) although the unseasonable fall weather has been well received by most everyone due to the large amounts of rainfall we experienced this summer. Today we would like to talk about your preparation for **WINTER**, mainly your vehicle travel during the winter months.

First you need to put together a “winter survival” kit for you to keep in your vehicle. Below are listed some of the items your kit should include:

- Candle and matches
- Metal cup/empty soup can to melt snow in
- Whistle
- Brightly colored bandana or ribbon to signal for help
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Garbage bags and rubber bands
- Snack foods for energy
- Bottle(s) of water
- Boots
- Kleenex/paper towels
- First aid kit
- Hand warmers
- Emergency blanket
- Needed medications
- Backpack or plastic tote to keep kit items in

Other suggested items:

- Jumper cables
- Snowmobile suit
- Sleeping bag
- Shovel
- Sand/cat litter
- Reflectors
- Rope
- Boots
- Gloves
- Extra clothing (socks, hats, mittens, etc.)

Lastly we as vehicle operators all need to practice driving for the roadway conditions rather than the speed limit. Vehicles traveling faster than roadway conditions allow cause the majority of winter spin-outs and accidents. **Remember** driving according to the roadway conditions and not using your cruise control just might help you arrive at your destination safely.

STAY SAFE-BE AWARE