

Off-Road Items Checklist

This is a list of items that we recommend vehicles have when going off road. Some items are more important than others, but you can never be too prepared for any situation on the trails.

Required Items

These items are strongly recommended for each vehicle to have for themselves. These items ensure that you and your passengers will have a safe off roading experience and take care of any basic trail repairs on your own vehicle. Being self-sufficient is not only empowering, but it shows a certain amount of respect to the other drivers in your group.

- First Aid Kit (See Safety and Survival below)
- Basic Personal Essentials (water, food)
- Spare Tire, Full Size
- Jack and tire iron to change your tire
- Basic Tool Kit
- Adequate tow points on front and rear of vehicle

Recommended Personal & Safety Items

These items are recommended, but not necessary. Use them as a guide to properly pack your vehicle with items that will make your off-roading experience an enjoyable one.

Safety and Survival

- First Aid Kit

Safety Items:

- Safety Glasses
- Leather Gloves
- Fire Extinguisher - Should be mounted in the vehicle in an easily accessible location.
- Flares
- Tarp
- Flashlights
- Matches / lighter

Basic Personal Essentials:

- Water - At least one Gallon per person, per day if not more.
- Food - Bring food for twice the amount of time you are planning on being gone.
- Extra Cloths - Nobody likes to sit in wet clothes for an extended period of time.
- Personal items - This includes toilet paper, anti-microbial hand cleaner, etc
- Sun block

- Rain Jacket
- Communication devices - Cell Phone, CB Radio, GMRS/FRS radios
- Power inverter if necessary (e.g. Cell phone recharger, battery recharger for communication devices and camera)
- Trash bags - Keep your trails clean!
- Maps, information about the area
- Compass or GPS
- Water purification tablets

Survival - Seasonal Specific

Winter

- Extra clothing
- Warm outer layers (jacket, wind breaker)
- Head gear (warm hat, hooded jacket)
- Emergency blanket (compact survival type)

Summer

- Sun Block
- Insect repellent
- Sunglasses

Recommended Vehicle Recovery & Tools

These items are recommended, but not necessary. It is highly recommended that at least one vehicle in the group has these recovery items and tools in order to ensure that your group can handle any situation they encounter safely and with minimal impact to your vehicle and the environment.

Recovery Items

- Hi-lift Jack
- Recovery/Snatch Straps - 2 or more, 2 inch width or wider, 20 foot or longer (no metal hooks)
- Tree saver
- D-rings, Shackles
- Shovel
- Chainsaw and bar oil, 2 cycle engine oil, spare chain (can be handy in recover situations, as well as for trail clearing on wooded trails)
- Winch Kit: winch, tree saver, snatch block, shackle, gloves
- Snow tire chains (if tires don't cut it)

Tools - Basic Tools

- Complete Socket Set with SAE (standard) and Metric with 3/8" and 1/2" drives. Deep and standard sockets.
- Crescent, open end combination box wrenches SAE (standard) and Metric
- Allen Wrenches
- Torx sockets (especially if you own a Jeep)
- Standard & Phillips screwdrivers, large, medium, small
- Large Hammer (a.k.a. the "BFH")
- Pliers (various sizes)
- Needle Nose Pliers
- Vice Grips, various sizes
- Large channel-lock Pliers
- Pipe wrenches - having 2 medium of these can be useful for tie-rods.

- Utility knife or razor blades
- Crescent wrenches (medium & large)
- A BIG pry bar or length of strong metal pipe, inside diameter of pipe large enough to slip over a wrench or socket drive for extra leverage.
- Magnet

Specialty Tools

- Snap ring pliers
- Air Pressure Gauge
- Portable air compressor
- Jumper cables

Additional Items

- Duct Tape
- Electrical Tape
- Bailing wire
- Wood blocks
- Bungee cords, several in multiple sizes - good for securing gear, temporary repairs, etc.
- Rope lengths
- Super glue
- Epoxy
- Tie wraps
- Rags

** This list was based on information found on the following website:
http://www.offroaders.com/tech/Offroaders_Checklist.htm*