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Emergency Kits

Properly inflated spare
tire, wheel wrench and
tripod jack

Shovel

Jumper cables

Tow and tire chains

Bag of salt or cat litter for
better tire traction or to melt
snow

Tool kit

Flashlight and extra batteries

Reflective triangles or flares

Compass

First aid kit

Windshield cleaner

Ice scraper and snow brush

Matches in a waterproof
container

Scissors and string or cord

Nonperishable, high-energy
foods like unsalted, canned
nuts, dried fruits and hard
candy

Blankets, mittens, socks
and hats

Winter Driving Safety

Even in North Carolina's "on and off again" Winter weather, we all need a refresher in Winter Driving.



Avoiding the crash to begin with!

Never mix radial tires with other types of tires - if you don't know what you have, drop by the tire store or your mechanic and ask.

Brake with your brakes, not by using your parking brake.

Cruise control is wonderful! But, it is not good for wet, icy, or wintry conditions.

Remember "Driving 101" - when you start sliding, steer into the slide. Keep your focus on the direction you want to go in.

Accelerate and decelerate slowly - sudden starts and stops won't go well on ice.

Increase following distance - remember, on ice or water, you have less time for your car to adjust to the conditions and do what you want it to.

Do you know what type of brakes you have? Are they "anti-lock"? You need to know if you should pump your brakes or not. Ask your mechanic.

Going uphill on ice is not the time or place to stop.

Keep your gas tank at least half-full - you may need to sit in traffic for an accident or street clearing or some other weather related delay and you'll need that extra fuel.

If you do get stranded, don't try to push your vehicle out of snow. Besides, who wants to be out pushing a car in the snow?

If you get stranded or have car trouble - hang or tie a brightly colored cloth to the antenna or in a rolled up window.