Survival kit for winter driving:

- Coffee can or other empty and clean food can
- 60-inch length string (cut into 3 equal pieces - used to suspend can)
- 3 large safety pins (tie string to safety pins and pin to car roof interior to suspend can over candle)
- 1 candle 2" diameter (place on lid under suspended can for melting snow). Canned Sterno will also work to heat water.
- 1 pocket knife, reasonably sharp (or substitute with scissors)
- 3 pieces of bright cloth 2" wide x 36" long (tie to antenna or door handle)
- Several packets of soup, hot chocolate, tea, bouillon cubes, etc. (mixed into melted snow to provide warmth and nutrition)
- Plastic spoons
- Packages of easy to eat, high energy foods like peanuts and candy or canned, ready-to-eat soups or fruit
- 1 pair of socks and 1 pair of gloves or glove liners; cotton is not recommended because it provides no insulation when wet).
- Extra clothing and a blanket or sleeping bag
- 2 packages of book matches
- 1 sun shield blanket or 2 large green or black plastic leaf bags (to reflect body heat)
- 1 flash light and batteries (keep separate)
- First aid kit
- Toilet paper and sealable container for bathroom purposes
- Fire extinguisher
- Small tool kit
- Ice scraper/snowbrush
- Shovel
- Sand or other traction aid
- Tow rope or chain
- Jumper cables
- Road flares or warning lights
- Gas line antifreeze
- Large plastic garbage bag
- Pencil stub and paper
- Plastic whistle
- Cellular phone with a charger

You may want to keep the survival kit in the passenger compartment in case you go into a ditch and can't get to or open the trunk.

Put all items in a plastic storage container and place in vehicle when traveling starting in mid October.