# Vehicle Readiness Checklist

A practical review for everyday driving and longer trips. Start with what you already have, then close the most useful gaps.

## ☐ 01 / Check the Vehicle

Review maintenance, tires, lights, and wipers. Follow your owner's manual; have concerns checked by a qualified professional.

## ☐ 02 / Know How to Get Help

Save roadside-assistance details and important contacts. Carry a working phone and compatible charging option.

## ☐ 03 / Review Basic Supplies

Check drinking water, shelf-stable food, a flashlight, first-aid supplies, and weather-appropriate protection. Account for the people who travel with you.

## ☐ 04 / Match Tools to Your Skills

Know what tire and roadside equipment your vehicle has. Follow manufacturer instructions. A tool is only useful when you can use it safely.

## ☐ 05 / Plan the Trip and Recheck

Review the route, weather, and road conditions before leaving. Replace used, damaged, or expired supplies and follow storage instructions.

Planning aid only, not roadside-repair or medical instruction. Never attempt a task in an unsafe location or beyond your training. Follow emergency responders and local authorities.

Planning references: NHTSA - Summer Driving Tips
nhtsa.gov/summer-driving-tips
California Office of Traffic Safety - Roadside Emergency Kit
ots.ca.gov/ots-and-traffic-safety/traffic-safety-tips/roadside-emergency-kit/

# Make It Useful for Your Vehicle

Choose your next actions. Keep this worksheet with your own records; do not send private vehicle or household details to us.

## What We Already Have and Where It Is Stored

## Our Three Most Useful Improvements

## A Maintenance or Equipment Question to Resolve

## Next Task Owner

## Target Date

## Next Vehicle and Supply Review

An Example First Step: Find your roadside-assistance details, confirm your phone charger works, and choose one supply gap to address. Build a useful routine before building a bigger kit.

More practical resources: patriot-response.com/resources/