**Assemble a Winter Car Kit**

A *Winter Car Kit* can literally save your life during a snowstorm. Wise drivers store emergency supplies in their car trunks. Items in your *Winter Car Kit* should include: a battery-powered radio with spare batteries (in case your car radio fails), a flashlight with extra batteries, a first aid kit with a manual, an extra blanket or two, and extra clothing. Be sure to include socks, sock hat, and gloves. Booster cables are important for any time of the year but especially in winter to restart a dead battery.

A shovel, a box of sand or old house shingles is a must. The sand and/or the shingles will give tires needed traction to get out of a snow band and back on the road. It might not be a bad idea to store salt for your driveway, too! The melting snow might be easier to shovel and cause less strain on your heart.

Anyone who travels with children knows the importance of having snacks and drinking water on long trips. If you store these items in the car trunk now, they will be handy if you get caught in a storm.

If you have car trouble on the road, a fluorescent orange cloth tied to the antenna and safety flares will alert other drivers that you need help. For more information on preparing emergency supplies for your home and car contact: Rebecca Blocker, Housing & Environment Specialist, University of Missouri Extension, at blockerr@missouri.edu or call: 573-756-4539.