



## Are You Prepared for Emergencies on the Road?

Do you or a family member commute to work every day from Wren, Monmouth, Lebanon, Alesia, Eugene ... or even further away? Are you or your children avid skiers, snowboarders, or snowmobilers? Are you an emergency responder or critical services worker - expected

to be equipped and able to respond to work in a disaster? Are your children away at school with their own car or commuting to Eugene, Salem, Portland, Corvallis for classes? If so, each of your automobiles needs to be properly equipped for emergencies.



What better way to say "I care about you!" than to give someone an automobile emergency kit?

Every car should be equipped with an emergency kit and some basic supplies you can rely upon in the event of a mechanical failure, weather emergency, or even operator error (empty gas tank). And, if you're a hiker, snowmobiler, cross-country skier, horseback rider, etc., it's not a bad idea to also carry an empty backpack along with your auto emergency kit. Before you set out, transfer appropriate supplies from your auto emergency kit into your backpack, then return them to the main kit when you come back to the car. This is particularly true during inclement weather when cold, wet and poor visibility conditions can make an *inconvenience* a serious situation. Following are some recommended items to include:

Maps	Rain Gear & Extra Clothing
Compass	Battery-Powered Radio and Extra Batteries
Gloves and Sturdy Shoes/Socks	ABC-type Fire Extinguisher
Water and Food	Light Sticks, Matches/Candles
First Aid Kit	Shovel
Necessary Medications	Booster Cables
Flares	Chains/Traction Mats
Flashlight and Extra Batteries	Hand Warmers
Blankets/"Space Blankets"	

Other good suggestions include: kitty litter for ballast\* and traction should your vehicle get stuck, spare fuses, extra batteries for the cell phone, books/travel games (for passing the time as you wait in traffic or for help to arrive, and any job-specific supplies that you might need if you had to report to work in an emergency.

\* You may need to adjust your vehicle headlights if you are significantly changing the load distribution. Improperly adjusted headlights are a serious safety hazard for other drivers, particularly in inclement weather.

**BEFORE you travel:** make sure your vehicle emergency kit is stocked and complete, let someone know where you're headed and what route you'll take, and check road and weather conditions before you leave.

For more information, contact Benton County Emergency Management, (541) 766-6864 or stop by our office at 553 NW Monroe, Corvallis - across from Central Park and the Corvallis/Benton County Public Library.

Benton County Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management Search & Rescue  
Corvallis, OR (541) 766-6864

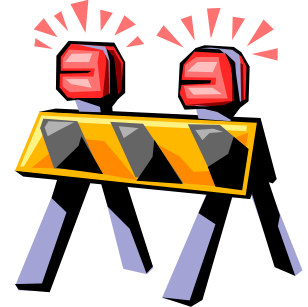
*Together we're building a disaster resilient community!*

# Road/Weather Information

## Road and weather information resources listed by area.

**Mary's Peak** - (541) 750-7000 (weekdays, 8-4:30 pm, after-hours recording). No snow park permits are required this year on Mary's Peak. Northwest Forest Passes are required for parking. Contact Siuslaw National Forest for details.

**Oregon State Highways** - Department of Transportation/State Police Road Condition Information, November 1-April 30, in-state callers (800) 977-6368 / out-of-state callers (503) 588-2941 (24 hour, recorded message). For Benton/Lincoln/Lane county State Highways only - during local emergency conditions - call (541) 757-4211 (weekdays 7-5:30, and with extended hours during emergency conditions). **Dial 511** from your cell phone!



**Benton County Road Closures/Conditions** - Benton County Public Works, (541) 766-6821 (weekdays, 8-5:00 pm) or see Corvallis television cable access channel 99.

**City of Corvallis Road Closures/Conditions** - City of Corvallis Public Works, (541) 754-1772 (24 hour recorded message), (541) 754-1771 for snow and ice conditions.



**Linn County Road and Weather** - Linn County Road Department, (541) 967-3919 (weekdays 7-5:00 pm) or (541) 812-8800 after hours. For Linn County road conditions on the web, visit: <http://www.co.linn.or.us/roads/roads.htm>

**City of Albany Road Closures/Conditions** - Albany Public Works, (541) 917-7600 (weekdays 8-5:00pm), or (541) 967-2394 after hours.

**Lane County Road and Weather** - Lane County Public Works, (541) 682-6900 (weekdays 8-5:00 pm, hours extended during extreme conditions).

**Polk County Road and Weather** - Polk County Public Works, (503) 623-9287 (weekdays 8-5:00 pm).

**Weather Forecasts** - National Weather Service, Weather Forecasts and River Projections (503) 261-9246.



### On the web:

- National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration: <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/Portland/>
- National Weather Service Hydrologic Prediction: <http://ahps2.wrh.noaa.gov/ahps2/index.php?wfo=pqr>
- National Weather Service/OSU weather forecasts and warnings: <http://www.ocs.orst.edu/>
- Oregon Department of Transportation "Trip Check," road conditions and live cameras: <http://www.tripcheck.com/>

**Benton County Sheriff's Office**  
**Emergency Management, Search and Rescue**  
(541) 766-6864 - Updated 11/08/05