

Road Trip Checklist: Household Drive Prep

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Trip, vehicle, and occupants

DATE LEAVING

DATE RETURNING

PRIMARY DRIVER

ADDITIONAL DRIVERS

OCCUPANTS (NAMES OR COUNT)

VEHICLE YEAR, MAKE, MODEL

LICENSE PLATE

STARTING MILES

DESTINATION

ROUTE AND OVERNIGHT STOPS

TRIP LENGTH

WHO HAS THE ITINERARY

Documents in the vehicle				
Item	Packed	Missing	N/A	Notes
Driver's license for every driver	☐	☐	☐	
Auto insurance card	☐	☐	☐	
Vehicle registration	☐	☐	☐	
Roadside assistance card or app	☐	☐	☐	
Emergency contact list	☐	☐	☐	
Copies of ID and insurance	☐	☐	☐	
Toll pass or toll cash/card	☐	☐	☐	
Lodging and ferry confirmations	☐	☐	☐	

House before you leave				
Item	Packed	Missing	N/A	Notes
Doors and windows locked	☐	☐	☐	
Small appliances unplugged	☐	☐	☐	
Fridge and freezer left plugged in	☐	☐	☐	
Lights off or timers set	☐	☐	☐	
Thermostat set for an empty house	☐	☐	☐	
Pets traveling or a sitter arranged	☐	☐	☐	

Mail and packages covered	☐	☐	☐	_____
Out-of-area contact knows the plan	☐	☐	☐	_____
Note left if someone may arrive	☐	☐	☐	_____
Security system armed (if equipped)	☐	☐	☐	_____

Route, weather, and lodging

Item	Packed	Missing	N/A	Notes
Forecast for route and destination	☐	☐	☐	_____
Alternate routes identified	☐	☐	☐	_____
Someone has destination, route, and ETA	☐	☐	☐	_____
Lodging booked and address saved	☐	☐	☐	_____
Pet-friendly lodging confirmed	☐	☐	☐	_____
Emergency alerts enabled on phones	☐	☐	☐	_____
Fuel plan for the first legs	☐	☐	☐	_____
Rest stops and driver rotation planned	☐	☐	☐	_____
Hazards at the destination checked	☐	☐	☐	_____
Lodging fire-exit plan noted	☐	☐	☐	_____

Vehicle prep

Item	Packed	Missing	N/A	Notes
Cold tire pressure vs door-jamb placard	☐	☐	☐	_____
Tread, wear bars, cuts, and bulges	☐	☐	☐	_____
Head, tail, brake, turn, hazard, interior lights	☐	☐	☐	_____
Engine oil level	☐	☐	☐	_____
Coolant with the engine cool	☐	☐	☐	_____
Brake, washer, and other visible fluids	☐	☐	☐	_____
Battery hold-down and terminals	☐	☐	☐	_____
Wiper blades and washer spray	☐	☐	☐	_____
Short drive: no grind or vibration	☐	☐	☐	_____
No unexplained warning lights	☐	☐	☐	_____
Fuel adequate for the first leg	☐	☐	☐	_____
Cargo within the tire placard load	☐	☐	☐	_____
Emergency kit packed in the vehicle	☐	☐	☐	_____

Spare and jack, or OEM inflator kit

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Occupants and packing

Item	Packed	Missing	N/A	Notes
Seat belts and child restraints	☐	☐	☐	
Prescriptions and extra days of medicine	☐	☐	☐	
Climate-right clothes and sturdy shoes	☐	☐	☐	
Water and snacks for everyone in the car	☐	☐	☐	
Infant formula, bottles, diapers	☐	☐	☐	
Pet carrier, food, water, meds, ID	☐	☐	☐	
Overnight bags for lodging nights	☐	☐	☐	
Rain, sun, or cold layers for the route	☐	☐	☐	
Glasses, contacts, or hearing aids	☐	☐	☐	
Kids' activities	☐	☐	☐	

Electronics and money

Item	Packed	Missing	N/A	Notes
Phones charged	☐	☐	☐	
Car chargers and backup battery	☐	☐	☐	
Some cash	☐	☐	☐	
Payment cards you will use	☐	☐	☐	
Offline maps or a paper map	☐	☐	☐	
House keys and extra car key	☐	☐	☐	
Weather or FEMA alerts on the phone	☐	☐	☐	
Passenger device charging sorted	☐	☐	☐	

Still missing and sign-off

ITEMS STILL MISSING OR DELAYED

READY TO LEAVE

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Itinerary shared with the person named above

DRIVER SIGNATURE

TIME SIGNED

OTHER COMMENTS

Reference only. Verify against the vehicle OEM procedure and applicable regulations.