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Westside Roadside Emergency Checklist

A friendly glovebox guide for drivers on the Westside — print it, stash it in your glovebox, and check the boxes as you go. Made with aloha by your neighbors at $10 Tire.

1 Before Every Drive & Monthly Quick Checks

Five minutes a month keeps surprises off the H-1. Make it a habit — same day each month, like when you pay rent.

- [ ] **Tire pressure (all 4 + spare):** check monthly and before any long drive. The right PSI is on the sticker inside your driver's door — not the number on the tire itself.
- [ ] **Engine oil:** pull the dipstick, wipe, dip, read. Top up if low; change it on schedule.
- [ ] **Coolant level:** check when the engine is cold. Low coolant overheats fast in Westside heat and traffic.
- [ ] **Wiper fluid:** top it off — sun glare and salt spray get messy near the coast.
- [ ] **Fuel above half tank:** keep gas above half so you're ready for a volcanic evacuation or an emergency drive without waiting in line.
- [ ] **Lights:** headlights, brake lights, and turn signals — walk around the car once a month.

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2 What to Keep in Your Trunk

Build your kit once, check it twice a year. Everything below fits in one plastic bin.

- [ ] **Jumper cables** (or a jump-starter pack)
- [ ] **Tire pressure gauge**
- [ ] **Flashlight + spare batteries**
- [ ] **First aid kit**
- [ ] **Water** (a gallon or more)
- [ ] **Non-perishable snacks**
- [ ] **Phone charger** that fits your car
- [ ] **Basic tool set**
- [ ] **Reflective triangles or flares**
- [ ] **Rag + work gloves**
- [ ] **Spare tire + jack + lug wrench** — and check the spare's pressure too. A flat spare helps nobody!

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3 If You Get a Flat — Step by Step

Stay calm and stay visible. Safety first, tire second.

1. **Turn on your hazard lights** right away, before anything else.
2. **Pull fully off the road** — onto the shoulder or a side street, as far from traffic as you can. Flat, solid ground beats a soft shoulder.
3. **Stay visible:** set your reflective triangles or flares behind the car. Stand away from traffic, not behind or in front of it.
4. **Loosen the lug nuts before you jack the car up** — half a turn each while the tire is still on the ground.
5. **Jack it up,** swap the wheel on, and hand-start the lug nuts.
6. **Tighten in a star pattern** (opposite nuts in sequence), then lower the car and snug them again the same way.
7. Give the spare a pressure check at the next stop — and come see us to look at the flat tire.

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4 If the Car Won't Start

- [ ] **Battery jump basics:** red clamp to the dead battery's positive (+) post first, other red to the good battery's (+), black to the good battery's (–), last black to bare metal on the dead car — not the battery. Start the good car, wait a minute, then try yours.
- [ ] **If it clicks or won't crank:** usually a battery or connection. Check that terminals are clean and tight.
- [ ] **Smell gas, see smoke, or hear something odd?** Stop. Don't keep trying to start it.
- [ ] **When to call for help:** if a jump doesn't work, or you're unsure at any step, don't risk it — call your roadside service, a family member, or us.

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5 Westside & Hawaiʻi Notes

- [ ] **Cell coverage can be spotty on the Westside.** Tell someone your route and when to expect you before you head out — especially past Nānākuli toward Lualualei, Mākua, or upcountry.
- [ ] **Heat + sun while you wait:** keep water in the car, stand in shade if you can, and use sun protection. Waiting by the road gets hot fast.
- [ ] **Never leave keiki or pets in the car** — not for a minute, not with the windows cracked. Cars overheat dangerously fast in Hawaiʻi sun.
- [ ] **Hurricane season (June–November) extras:** keep extra water in the trunk, pack any family medications, and keep car documents in a zip-top bag so they stay dry.

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