

DRIVE SAFE COLORADO SUMMER

Drive Safe Colorado Checklist

Before You Hit the Road

✓	Date	Action
		Can you take transit, like Bustang ?
		Download the COtrip Planner App or bookmark COtrip.org
		Download maps for “offline use” if going out of service
		Check the weather at weather.gov
		Pack entertainment
		Plan a sober ride

More information at codot.gov/travel/summerdriving.



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Vehicle Safety

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		Buckle Up: Seat belts reduce the risk of injury or death in a crash by 50%
		Oil: Check the oil level and oil filter
		Battery: Inspect the battery and check battery cables for proper connections or erosion
		Brakes: Inspect your brakes and pads
		Wipers: Make sure the wiper blades work properly and wiper fluid is full
		Tire Pressure: Check the air pressure in all tires, including your spare
		Tire Tread: Ensure your vehicle has adequate tires with good tread
		Cooling System: Check your coolant levels

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Emergency Kit

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		Cell phone and charger
		First aid kit (including sunscreen and bug spray (the high-altitude sun is much stronger))
		Flashlight with extra batteries or crank-powered flashlight
		Blanket or sleeping bag
		Gallon jug of water
		First aid kit and essential medications
		Jumper cables
		Tire pressure gauge
		Flares/reflectors
		Nonperishable food, drinking water, and medicines
		Extra windshield washer fluid

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Racks and Trailers

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		Ensure all items (bikes, kayaks, luggage) are double-strapped. Check tension again after the first 10 miles.
		Secure chains by cross trailer safety chains under the hitch to form an "X" to prevent sparks.
		Check tire pressure for proper inflation
		Grease your trailer wheel bearings to prevent overheating and mechanical fire.
		Check brake pads as metal-on-metal create extreme heat and sparks.
		Carry a fire extinguisher and always shovel in your vehicle.
		Pavement only: If you need to stop to adjust your rack or trailer, never park in tall grass. Keep your hot exhaust on the pavement or gravel.
		Check your mirror: Get in the habit of glancing back at your trailer frequently. If you see smoke or a "tail" of sparks, pull over immediately (on a paved surface).

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