



CITY OF ST JOSEPH HEALTH DEPARTMENT TOTAL PREPARATION INFORMATION SERIES

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ECLIPSE CAR KIT

The majority of visitors to our area will be navigating to St. Joseph by car or another type of vehicle on wheels. Just as it's wise to check your vehicle as the seasons change or prior to a vacation, the savvy traveler will have done basic maintenance and will stock up on a few items prior to their eclipse trip.

Road Trip Checklist

Regular vehicle maintenance, alert mechanic to your upcoming trip

Check battery

Check tires

Check brakes

Map your route in advance

Have an emergency kit – blanket, flashlight, first-aid kit, and some basic tools

Prepare for delays and have activities and games planned, especially with children in the car

To reduce stress, some drivers prefer less congested travel times such as late at night or early in the morning as long as the driver is well rested

Be aware that there may be an increase in pedestrian and worker foot traffic on the day of the eclipse, especially nearest the moments of totality. Maintain safe operating speeds and awareness of your surroundings as you drive to and from the event.

Additional preparations for eclipse road trips

Bring water

Bring snacks

Bring sunscreen and insect repellent

Bring medications

Bring viewing goggles/glasses

Be prepared for the possibility of limited communication options

Get fuel prior to arriving in St. Joseph

For a detailed, data-driven approach to the question of how many people will be driving to St. Joseph, the following website has utilized mathematic equations to estimate the influx of visitors to viewing sites across the nation; <https://www.greatamericaneclipse.com/statistics/>

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