

Automotive News

Seasonal Driving Checklist

(NAPSI)—Whether drivers are trading out their ice scrapers for an open sunroof or putting the cover on the convertible after another summer driving season, experts advise that seasonal car prep should go beyond the basic wash and wax.

With that in mind, consider these car care tips for keeping your vehicle looking and running in tip-top shape.

Check tire tread depth. To check tread depth, look inside the grooves on the tire. At every six to 10 inches, a raised wear bar will appear, and if the tread is worn to the same height as the bar, it's time to replace the tire. Make sure to check for wear at several spots on each tire, as wear may not always be even. If new tires are needed, be sure to follow your vehicle manufacturer's recommendation for size and type of tires, as the wrong tire can hurt vehicle handling.

Verify battery strength. Don't assume all is well with the car battery just because your vehicle starts. While some drivers may be able to check their own battery, this is usually best left to the professionals.

Regularly monitor tire pressure. Underinflated tires reduce fuel mileage and optimal handling, and can suffer unnoticeable damage that compromises car performance and safety. Check tire pressure often; don't just "set it and forget it."

Pay attention to brake operation. Properly functioning brakes are essential to vehicle safety. Disc brakes on modern vehicles are exposed to road salt, dirt and moisture, which together can create problems. Pay attention when braking. Does your vehicle stop evenly or does it seem to pull to one side? This can indicate a malfunction if it occurs on a variety of road surfaces and should



be checked immediately. What about noise? While an occasional noise is not uncommon, unusually loud or constant noises when applying the brakes should be checked by a professional.

Inspect/replace wiper blades. The joys of a leisurely drive through changing scenery can be quickly erased by a freak thunderstorm, especially if that's when you discover you need new wiper blades. The rubber used in wiper blades can become dry and brittle during the hotter months, especially if they've already been through a season of snow and rain. Replace them early to ensure a clear view of the road ahead.

Essentially, explains Tim Quinn, vice president, AfterSales, Porsche Cars North America, Inc., a new season is "the perfect time to review critical car safety functions."

Learn More

For further facts and tips, visit an authorized Porsche dealer or <http://shop.porsche.com>.

A Word To The Wise: Winterize

(NAPSI)—Savvy drivers know it's wise to winterize their car before the cold weather hits. That's the word from experts who say investing an hour or two of your time to have your vehicle checked is all it takes to have peace of mind.

Plus, it's an investment that pays dividends when it comes to avoiding the cost and hassle of a breakdown during severe weather.

Says Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council, "A vehicle check before the temperatures drop is a sensible way to avoid being stranded out in the cold and the unexpected expense of emergency repairs."

Winterizing Your Vehicle

To help, the Car Care Council recommends the following tips:

- Have the battery and charging system checked for optimum performance.
- Clean, flush and put new antifreeze in the cooling system. As a general rule of thumb, this should be done every two years.
- Inspect heaters, defrosters, lights and wipers.
- Check the brakes, tire tread depth and tire pressure. If snow and ice are a problem in your area, consider special tires designed to grip slick roads.
- If you're due for a tune-up, have it done before winter sets in.
- Have the exhaust system checked for carbon monoxide leaks. Be diligent about changing the oil and filter at recommended intervals.
- Keep the gas tank at least half full at all times. And stock an emergency kit with an ice scraper, jumper cables, flashlight, flares, blanket and needed medication.

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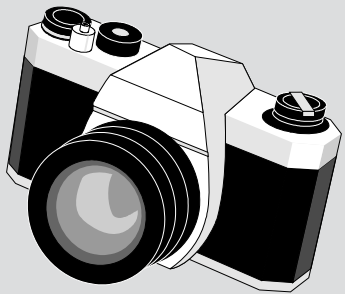
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Staff Sgt. Joshua Jolly, launcher chief for B. Battery, 3rd Battalion, 27th Field Artillery Regiment (HIMARS), 18th Fires Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division, just returned from a nine month deployment in Afghanistan this year. Jolly is excited to be home with his family once again. He knows though that even though he was gone, things didn't slow down at home because he was away, his kids grew and his wife made significant adjusts to take care of the family.

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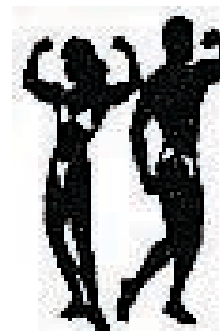
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We are calling on all workforce professionals to join our November Push to help us fill our centers and to be advocates for the program. This includes staff in the workforce system who work with economically disadvantaged and low-skilled young adults between the ages of 16 - 24 (including long-term unemployed workers), regardless of position, to engage in recruiting new students into the program. We ask you to create outreach opportunities to share information about the program with your networks—e.g., family members, friends, faith leaders, community members, influencers, and school leaders.

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