

Spring Car Care Tips

Spring is a time for new growth and warmer weather... which means fun, sun, and seasonal allergies. It's definitely not a time to relax on vehicle maintenance! To help you prepare for the changing seasons, here's a guide for how to get your car ready for safe and trouble-free driving all season long!

Spring car care tips:

- 1. Schedule an air conditioning service
- 2. Clean and protect your engine
- 3. Refill fluids
- 4. Replace your windshield wiper blades
- 5. Check tire pressure
- 6. Rotate your tires
- 7. Clean the interior
- 8. Wash the exterior



1 Schedule an air conditioning service

Do you turn on your A/C for the first time and inhale the funk? Yeah, us too.

Did you know this smell is actually caused by mold and fungus (and other allergens) lurking in your cabin air filter?

Before you're tempted to set the car on fire and start over, look into getting an air conditioning service. Your trusted shop can help you identify your best options.

2 Clean and protect your engine

At BG, we offer comprehensive engine services that clean the deposits that build up in your engine over time.

These deposits come from 1) the engine design and 2) the normal wear and tear you put on your engine from daily driving. Make sure you're getting an engine service during the regular service intervals outlined by your automotive professional.

3 Refill fluids

While you're in for your regular maintenance service, have your shop check the other fluids in your car:

- Coolant
- Transmission fluid
- Brake fluid
- Windshield washer fluid

Make sure all of these fluid levels are topped off for your spring joyrides.

4 Replace windshield wiper blades

Generally speaking, you should replace your wiper blades every six months to a year. A better rule of thumb is to replace them anytime you notice a difference in visibility.

5 Check tire pressure

When the weather changes, so does your tire pressure. Significant shifts in temperature and atmospheric conditions cause these changes. So it's important to check your tire PSI regularly to know if they're properly inflated.

What is the right PSI? Check the placard on the driver's side door jam. It will tell you the ideal PSI.

You can check it using a tire pressure gauge which should be a glove box essential. If the pressure is low, head to your nearest gas station or auto shop to add air.

6 Rotate your tires

A full tire rotation is where each wheel is removed and repositioned to a new spot on the vehicle. For optimum safety and performance, have your tires rotated every six months. A good time to do this is when your car is in for its oil change. During the rotation, have them check the tread on your tires.

7 Clean the interior

Spring is a great time to start fresh, and there's no better place to start than with the interior of your car. Here are three things you can do to spruce up the interior:

1. Organize the clutter. Remove those snow shovels or other cold weather gear and dispose of any unwanted items.
2. Wipe down all the surfaces. Get in all the nooks and crannies like your glove box and cup holders. Some materials, like leather, need specialized products, so check your owner's manual for more instructions.
3. Vacuum the floor mats. Many car washes offer free or cheap vacuum assemblies designed for interior car cleaning.

8 Wash the exterior

Snow, ice, sand, salt, and other road grime gets kicked up onto your vehicle over winter. Head to the car wash or bust out the suds bucket, and make sure you give the exterior a thorough detailing. If left on the car, this residue can eat away at the paint and finish.

Remember, this list is only a general guideline.

Your trusted shop can help give you vehicle-specific recommendations. Ask your service advisor about these spring car care tips, and you will keep your vehicle running better, longer as the temperature warms up.



Make sure your vehicle is ready for spring. Find a BG shop near you and give this checklist to your advisor.

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