

Summer Vehicle & Tire Prep Checklist

- CHECK YOUR TIRE PRESSURE AND ADD AIR IF NEEDED.** Make sure to check your tire pressure when the tires are “cool”, or have not been driven on for several hours. Tire pressure increases with heat and decreases with cold, so it’s especially important to check it when seasons change.

- VISUALLY INSPECT YOUR TIRES.** Check for bald spots, irregular tread wear, bulges, cracks, and punctures or sharp objects embedded in the tires.

- CHECK TREAD DEPTH.** Make sure it is at least 2/32nds of an inch deep. If less, replace your tires.

- CHECK SPARE TIRE AND REPLACE IF NEEDED.** Check the inflation pressure and condition of the spare tire. Look for punctures, cracks, or changes in texture that indicate tire deterioration.

- CHECK WHEEL ALIGNMENT AND ROTATE TIRES.** Have wheel alignment adjusted and tires rotated by a car maintenance professional.

- CHECK BRAKES.** Have brakes checked by a car maintenance professional.

- CHECK ENGINE COOLING SYSTEM.** The radiator, water pump, engine, belts and hoses should be checked by a car maintenance professional.

- CHECK AND TOP OFF FLUID LEVELS.** Check engine oil, coolant, transmission fluid, brake fluid, power steering fluid, and windshield wiper fluid levels.

- CHECK OR CHANGE WINDSHIELD WIPER BLADES.** Blades that are cracked, warped or detached should be replaced.

- CHECK ENGINE AIR FILTER AND REPLACE IF DIRTY OR CLOGGED.** A clogged air filter reduces fuel efficiency and engine performance.

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- **CHECK CABIN AIR FILTER AND CHANGE IF NECESSARY.** Springtime allergens like pollen can accumulate in the filter and continue to cause allergies into summer if the filter is not changed.

- **CHECK EXTERIOR LIGHTS AND REPLACE BULBS IF NEEDED.** Headlights, brake lights, signal lights.

- **CHECK AND TUNE/RECHARGE AIR CONDITIONING.** Have your AC checked by a car care professional, or check the integrity of your AC system yourself by holding a food thermometer in the air vent. It should register at around 40 degrees if it's functioning properly.

- **CHECK YOUR EMERGENCY KIT.** Replenish any items that have been used or have expired.

- **PROGRAM EMERGENCY TOWING SERVICE PHONE NUMBER INTO PHONE.** Such as AAA or towing service provided by your car insurance.

- **CHECK WEATHER REPORT.** Check the weather forecast for the routes and days you plan to travel.

OPTIONAL SUMMER PREPAREDNESS ITEMS: Drinking Water, Electrolytes, Non-Perishable Food Items, Portable Cell Charger & Power Bank, Tools (lug wrench, car jack), Jumper Cables, 1-2 Quarts Engine Oil, 1 Jug Coolant, Windshield Car Shade.