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Essential Car Maintenance Checklist

Keeping up with basic maintenance helps prevent breakdowns, saves money, and keeps your vehicle safe year-round.

Essential Checks & Replacements

Oil

- Check the dipstick **monthly**
- Change oil and filter every **5,000–7,500 miles** (or follow your owner's manual)
- Clean oil keeps your engine properly lubricated and running longer

Tires

- Check tire pressure **monthly**, especially with temperature changes
- Rotate tires every **8,000–10,000 km** for even wear and longer life

Fluids

- Check **coolant, brake fluid, and windshield washer fluid** monthly
- Top up as needed to avoid overheating, braking issues, or poor visibility

Filters

- Replace **engine air filter** and **cabin air filter** regularly
- Clean filters improve engine performance and cabin air quality

Brakes

- Have brake pads and brake fluid checked regularly
- Worn pads reduce stopping power and compromise safety

Battery

- Test battery health periodically
- Clean terminals if corroded
- Most batteries last **3–5 years** — replace before failure to avoid getting stranded

Lights & Wipers

- Test all exterior lights regularly
 - Replace worn wiper blades to maintain clear visibility in rain or snow
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Routine Maintenance Practices

Read Your Owner's Manual

- It outlines **manufacturer-specific service intervals**, fluid types, and maintenance recommendations
- Following it helps avoid unnecessary repairs and protects your warranty

Stay Clean

- Wash your vehicle regularly to prevent rust, especially during winter months
- Keep the interior clean to reduce wear and maintain resale value

Listen & Watch

- Pay attention to **dashboard warning lights**, unusual noises, vibrations, or changes in how the vehicle drives
- Address issues early before they become costly repairs

Walk Around Check


- Do a quick weekly walk-around
- Look for fluid leaks, low tires, visible damage, or anything out of the ordinary

Find a Trusted Mechanic

- Some jobs are best left to a professional
 - Having a reliable mechanic saves time, money, and stress when DIY isn't enough
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