

Fall CAR CARE

For National Fall Car Care Month, Georgia's Clean Air Force, a partnership with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, reminds drivers of four key tips to increase fuel efficiency, reduce long-term maintenance costs and minimize harmful vehicle emissions this fall season.

SET REMINDERS

It's easy to forget important vehicle maintenance milestones, like when to get your car serviced or check your battery. The National Car Care Council has a free personalized schedule and email reminder service that makes it simple to help keep your car safe and reliable all year long.

WEATHER-PROOF YOUR WINDSHIELD

- Most regular windshield-wiper fluid is made up of mostly water. Replace it with solvents specially formulated for cold weather to easily melt frost and ice.
- Ideally, windshield wipers should be replaced every fall. Luckily it's easy and inexpensive! No tools are required and the average cost ranges from \$10-\$20.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR TIRES

- Nearly two billion gallons of gas each year could be saved if the tires on every American's car were properly inflated.
- Tire pressure drops one PSI, or pound per square inch, for every 10-degree drop in temperature. Check your tires on a weekly basis and make sure your spare tire is properly inflated.

DON'T FORGET THE BRAKES

Brakes are always critical to vehicle safety, but they become particularly important when driving on icy or snow-covered roads. Don't wait until winter to find out there's a problem. Get your entire brake system checked, including brake linings, rotors and drums. Many auto shops provide complimentary brake checks with the purchase of other services, like an oil change.

About Georgia's Clean Air Force

Georgia's Clean Air Force (GCAF), in partnership with the Environmental Protection Division (EPD), is responsible for the management of the Enhanced Vehicle Emission Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) Program throughout Atlanta's 13 metro counties. Since 1996, Georgia's Inspection and Maintenance Program has prevented more than 1.6 million tons of harmful ozone-forming pollutants from entering the air we breathe, the equivalent of removing 13,400 vehicles from the road or planting more than 400 million trees. It is also estimated that Georgia residents have saved \$311 million in utility bills since 1996 due to cleaner air. The program has also identified and repaired more than 3.4 million heavy-polluting vehicles.



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