

Spring Maintenance Reminders

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1. Check the underneath side of your car for any leaks, such as brake fluid, oil (that can be engine oil, trans- mission oil or rear end oil), gas leaking or antifreeze. This includes heater core, heater hose, and radiator for leaks. If any of the hoses or belts appears to be cracked or dried out, replace them. That's better than having them break while you are driving somewhere.
2. If you haven't done this since last year, change your engine oil, filter and grease your car.
3. Make sure you have the proper level of transmission oil, rear end oil and brake fluid in the master cylinder. The radiator should have the proper level and the right mixture of antifreeze to protect against freezing and boiling over.
4. Brake systems accumulate moisture over a period of time. If they haven't been bled in the last few years, it will eventually cause rust in your master and wheel cylinders.
5. One other thing that is often over looked is your tires. Even if they look ok and are over 10 years old, you should consider replacing them.
6. Don't forget to replace your windshield wipers. A clear windshield makes driving in bad weather safer.