



BASIC CAR MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

Please note that the service schedule outlined below is just a suggestion and should be adjusted to match the recommendations of your vehicle's manufacturer outlined in your owner's manual.

SAFETY ITEMS

WHEN TO CHECK

DATE SERVICED

Windshield wipers - replace if damaged	Monthly	_____
Windshield washer fluid - refill when low	Monthly	_____
Lights/blinkers – test to ensure working	Monthly	_____
Hazard lights – test to ensure working	Monthly	_____
Warning lights – look for illuminated lights	Monthly	_____

FLUIDS

WHEN TO CHECK

DATE SERVICED

Oil	Every 3 months	_____
Coolant / Antifreeze	Every 3 months	_____
Transmission	Every 6 months	_____
Brake	Yearly	_____
Transfer case (4WD / AWD)	Yearly	_____

FILTERS

WHEN TO CHECK

DATE SERVICED

Oil filter	Every 3 months	_____
Air filter	Every 3 months	_____
Cabin air filter	Yearly	_____
Fuel filter	Yearly	_____

ENGINE	WHEN TO CHECK	DATE SERVICED
Battery - check for corrosion	Every 3 months	_____
Hoses - look for signs of wear	Every 6 months	_____
Belts - check for cracks	Every 6 months	_____
Spark plugs	Every 3-4 years	_____
Exhaust system	Yearly	_____
Air conditioning system	Yearly	_____

BRAKES	WHEN TO CHECK	DATE SERVICED
Brake pads - inspect for wear	Every 6 months	_____
Parking brake - test to ensure working	Every 3 months	_____

TIRES	WHEN TO CHECK	DATE SERVICED
Tread - look for excessive wear	Monthly	_____
Tire pressure - check pressure in each tire	Monthly	_____
Rotation	Every 6 months	_____

STEERING & SUSPENSION	WHEN TO CHECK	DATE SERVICED
System inspection	Yearly	_____
Alignment	Every 1-2 years / or with tire replacement	_____

NORMAL VS SEVERE DRIVING

Your car manual may list two different service schedules based on normal and severe driving. Normal driving is commuting with mostly highway miles while severe driving is defined by driving in stop-and-go traffic, making frequent short trips, towing, and traveling in the mountains, on dusty dirt roads and in temperature extremes. **What kind of driver are you?**

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