



Be Car Care Aware[®]

Don't Let Your Car Make Your Allergies Worse

(NAPSA)—You don't have to let the joys of warm weather driving be diminished by the irritating pollen and pollutants that can be drawn inside through your car's air-conditioning and ventilation systems.

Cabin air filters clean the incoming air, removing allergens, as long as they're replaced regularly.

"A dirty or clogged cabin air filter can cause contaminants to become so concentrated in the cabin that passengers actually breathe in more fumes and particles when riding in the car than when walking down the street," explained Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council. "Replacing the cabin air filter is a simple way for you and your passengers to breathe easier while driving."

In addition to trapping pollen, bacteria, dust and exhaust gases, the cabin air filter prevents leaves, bugs and other debris from entering the heating, ventilating and air-conditioning (HVAC) system. A restricted cabin air filter can mean musty odors in the vehicle and impair airflow in the HVAC system, possibly causing interior heating and cooling problems. Over time, the heater and air conditioner may also become damaged by corrosion.

Cabin air filters should not be cleaned and reinstalled. Instead, they should be replaced every 12,000 to 15,000 miles, or per the



For a healthier ride, change your vehicle's cabin air filter regularly.

owner's manual. Most filters are accessible through a panel in the HVAC housing, which may be under the hood or in the interior of the car. An automotive service technician can locate the cabin filter and replace it according to the vehicle's owner manual. Some filters require basic hand tools to remove and install their replacement while others just need your hands.

To learn more about cabin air filters, view the Car Care Council's Car Care Minute video and see the free digital "Car Care Guide." Motorists can also order a free printed copy of the popular guide.

The Car Care Council is the source of information for the "Be Car Care Aware" consumer education campaign promoting the benefits of regular vehicle care, maintenance and repair to consumers. For a copy of the council's "Car Care Guide" or for more information, visit www.carcare.org.