

# Car Care Corner

## Do's And Don'ts Of Car Maintenance

(NAPSA)—Routine service and regular maintenance can keep your car on the road to peak performance and prepare it for rough driving conditions.

Here are a few maintenance do's and don'ts:

- Do check your tire pressure every other time you fill up on gas and also periodically inspect the tread of your tires for wear, embedded objects, cracking or exposed belt material.

- Don't forget to wash and wax your car. This simple act can help keep the car's finish corrosion free.

- Don't ignore the engine light. When it comes on, it's time to get your car looked at. Taking care of minor concerns can prevent them from turning into major ones.

- Do bring your car in for tune-ups. There are parts of your car that a skilled auto technician needs to check on a regular basis but the schedule may differ depending on the brand of car. To determine when to bring it in, you can follow manufacturer-specified schedules in your user manual or get information online at car sites such as Edmunds.com.

For example, every 3,000 miles or six months, whichever comes first, you will need to get your oil changed. Regular oil changes are an important part of keeping your car in top shape and provide an



**Service information may be included in vehicle history reports and help establish value for a potential buyer.**

opportunity to have other car parts checked.

- Do have your vehicle serviced by a reputable dealership or after-market service provider. When having parts replaced, make sure your dealer uses only original parts.

- Don't underestimate the importance of regular maintenance, which can help retain a car's value when it comes time to sell it.

Many dealers and service shops report service information to Carfax. The information then appears in Carfax Vehicle History Reports so car buyers can see that the vehicle has been regularly serviced and well maintained by you and other owners.

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