



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

Battery - check for corrosion

WHEN TO CHECK

Every 3 months

DATE SERVICED

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

Brake pads - inspect for wear

WHEN TO CHECK

Every 6 months

DATE SERVICED

Parking brake - test to ensure working

Every 3 months

TIRES

Tread - look for excessive wear

WHEN TO CHECK

Monthly

DATE SERVICED

Tire pressure - check pressure in each tire

Monthly

Rotation

Every 6 months

STEERING & SUSPENSION

System inspection

WHEN TO CHECK

Yearly

DATE SERVICED

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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