



Preparing your car for summer

Spring Car Care Is the Key to Trouble-free Summer Driving



Welcome to our 2nd Edition of our new Riverfront Collision Center's (RFCC) Quarterly Newsletter. It is intended to provide our customers with upcoming Vehicle tips, savings and special, events that are being hosted by or advertised by RFCC. If you have a topic for the next edition of the newsletter, let us know! You can e-mail me at dgardner@riverfrontcollisioncenter.com.



Spring is the perfect time to help your car recover from winter and prepare it for the rigors of summer driving. A quick and easy automotive checkup can help prepare a vehicle for the stress of summer's high temperatures and increase reliability on long road trips instead of being interrupted by expensive and inconvenient breakdowns. Currently RFCC is offering a 27 Point inspection for FREE and we will top off any fluids on us ([click here to see coupons below](#)).

1. Examine your tires for uneven or excessive tread wear. Make sure all tires, including the spare, are inflated properly. Having the proper tire pressure will maximize your gas mileage and save wear & tear on your tires! If the tires on your vehicle show signs of "dry rot" they are more prone to a blow-out - consider replacing them. RFCC is offering a Shocking Great Deal on Tire Rotation and Balance for only \$24.99, ([click here to see coupons below](#)).

Note:

How many times have you passed a car sitting on a jack on the side of the road with a flat? It makes you wonder what happened to their spare.

2. With the engine off, look for worn or cracked belts and damaged, blistered or soft hoses.

3. Inspect antifreeze/coolant level and condition, making certain the proper 50/50 mixture of water and coolant is present. Check your car's owner's manual to insure you are using the correct type of engine coolant. Today there are at least six different formula engine coolants and using the wrong one could spell trouble for your car's engine.

4. Check motor oil level and condition. If driving under extreme conditions - such as very hot temperatures or towing a heavy trailer, switching to a motor oil with higher viscosity may be recommended by the vehicle manufacturer. Always check the owner's manual for specific oil recommendations. RFCC is offering another great deal, not only do you get an Oil Change, you also get a 27 point inspection, Car Wash and Vacuum ([click here to see coupons below](#))!

5. Replace worn wiper blades.

6. Check the air conditioning system. Some minor preventative maintenance can help restore the performance of your vehicle air conditioner. Check the air conditioning system for leaks. All vehicles manufactured since 1995 use R 134. Do not use non-approved substitute refrigerants. Older vehicles with problems should be converted to this more environmentally safer refrigerant. RFCC is also offering an Air Condition Service for \$35.99 that includes up to a pound of 134R refrigerant, ([click here to see coupons below](#)).

7. Hot weather can shorten the life of a car's battery. Weak or old batteries should be tested and replaced if necessary.
8. Check fluid levels and tire pressure before, during and after a long road trip.
9. Keep a log book of maintenance items and fuel economy. A sudden drop in fuel mileage could indicate mechanical problems.
10. Even properly maintained vehicles can break down, RFCC urges motorists to equip their vehicle with an emergency kit containing at least the following items: flashlight with extra batteries, warning devices such as flares or reflective triangles, jumper cables, and a first aid kit. A mobile phone provides an easy way to summon emergency assistance.

In Conclusion, if you are not comfortable performing these inspections yourself, a qualified auto service facility, such as RFCC can conduct a thorough inspection for you. RFCC is offering a Spring Package Special which includes the 27 point inspection; Oil Change & Filter, Tire Rotation and Balance, A/C Service, Car Wash and Vacuum for only \$77.77 ([click here to see coupons below](#)).

Sincerely,

Denny Gardner
Riverfront Collision Center

Fuel-Saving Tips for Drivers

We count on our cars to get us where we want to go, when we want to go. That sense of freedom is important to us. But we also want to be sure we do our best to conserve natural resources for future generations. With gasoline prices starting to head up once again, following are a few simple steps you can take to cut down your trip to the pumps-

- Have your car tuned regularly. An engine tune-up can improve car fuel economy by an average of 1 mile per gallon.
- Keep your tires properly inflated. Underinflated tires can decrease fuel economy by up to 1 mile per gallon.
- Slow down. The faster you drive, the more gasoline your car uses. Driving at 65 miles per hour rather than 55 miles per hour reduces fuel economy by about 2 miles per gallon.
- Avoid jackrabbit starts. Abrupt starts require about twice as much gasoline as gradual starts.
- Pace you're driving. Unnecessary speedups, slowdowns and stops can decrease fuel economy by up to 2 miles per gallon. Stay alert and drive steadily, not erratically. Keep a reasonable, safe distance from the car ahead of you and anticipate traffic conditions.
- Use your air conditioner sparingly. The use of air conditioning can reduce fuel economy by as much as 2 miles per gallon under certain speeds and operating conditions. 55 miles or faster open windows will cause air drag at this point the A/C is the way to go especially on those hot southern days.
- Plan your trips in advance. Combine short trips into one to do all your errands. Avoid traveling during rush hours if possible, to reduce fuel-consumption patterns such as starting and stopping and numerous idling periods.

Joke of the Month



The lawyer, the doctor, and the car collision

Middle of the night, middle of nowhere, two cars both slightly cross over the white line in the center of the road. They collide and a fair amount of damage is done, although neither driver is hurt. It's impossible to assess blame for the accident on either however. They both get out. One is a doctor, one is a lawyer. The lawyer calls the police on his car phone; they'll be there in 20 minutes. It's cold and damp, and both men are shaken up. The lawyer offers

the doctor a drink of brandy from his hip flask, the doctor accepts, drinks and hands it back to the lawyer, who puts it away.

"Aren't you going to have a drink?" the doctor says.

"AFTER the police get here," replies the lawyer.

February Recipe – Fruit Salad



Ingredients

10 cups assorted fresh fruit, such as cantaloupe, honeydew, papaya, pineapple, mango, strawberries, and seedless red grapes, cut into bite-size pieces

1 lime, juiced (about 1/4 cup)

2 tablespoons orange liqueur (recommended: Cointreau)

2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh mint leaves

Directions

Place cut fruit in a large bowl. Mix lime juice and liqueur together and pour over fruit. Sprinkle with mint and toss well. Serve immediately or refrigerate up to 1 day.

Always remember, you have the right to go to the repair shop of your choice. Your insurance company cannot require you to go to a particular shop.

"YOUR CAR, YOUR CHOICE"

Sincerely,

Denny Gardner
Riverfront Collision Center

Spring Travel Special

FREE

SHOCKING GREAT DEAL

27 Point Inspection

Top Off Fluids on us!

(not including manufacture special fluids)



Expires 4/31/2009

You must print this coupon and present it at time of write-up to take advantage of this Internet Special. One coupon Per purchase.

Spring Travel Special

\$24.99

Oil Change

Includes:

- Oil Change
- 27 Point Inspection
- All Fluids Check and Topped Off
- Car Wash & Vacuum



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Spring Travel Special

\$35.99

A/C Service

Includes:

- A/C Service
- Up to 1 pd. Of 134R added if needed



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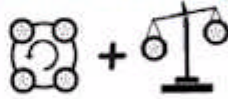
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Tire Rotation
and
Balance

SHOCKING GREAT DEAL

Tire Rotation and Balance



Includes rotation and balance of
4 tires PLUS brake inspection



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Plus tax, disposal fee and shop supplies. You must print this coupon and present it at time of write-up to take advantage of this Internet Special. One coupon Per purchase.

Spring Package Special

\$77.77

Includes:

- A/C Service
(Up to 1 pd. 134R if needed)
- Tire Rotation & Balance
(Plus Brake Inspection)
- Oil Change & Filter
(No diesels, includes 5 qts oil & filter, no synthetic oils)
- 27 Point Inspection
- Car Wash and Vacuum
(Rain check available)



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