

TIRE TIPS

What Goes Around, Should Come Around)

Maintaining tires properly can help your tires last longer. This not only saves you money on replacement costs, but also helps reduce the number of tires requiring disposal.

Follow this List of Helpful Hints:

-  Use the recommended size tire for your vehicle. Undersized tires can lose 10 percent of their life and waste gas.
-  Keep tires inflated at the recommended pressure listed in your vehicle owner manual. Check and adjust pressure when the tire is cool (tire pressure increases as the tire heats up with use).
-  Start and stop your vehicle slowly when possible and decelerate before corners. Fast stops and starts and tire squealing wear rubber off your tires and take miles off their operating life.
-  Drive the speed limit. Higher speeds increase tire temperature and causes extra wear.
-  Keep tires balanced and rotate every 6,000-8,000 miles (or as recommended by your tire manufacturer) to save hundreds of miles in wear.
-  Radial tires improve gas mileage. Steel-belted tires are generally the most efficient.

 Slow down on rough roads and avoid potholes. Damage to your tires will decrease their useful life.

 Finally, consider buying retread tires to encourage markets that reuse old tires.

Tires which are improperly disposed are an unsightly public nuisance. Tire dumps are an ideal breeding grounds for disease-bearing mosquitoes and animals and cause significant air and water pollution if they catch on fire.

Be sure to properly dispose of your old tires.

CHANGE YOUR OWN OIL

It's against the law to dump oil

- on the ground,
- in the street,
- down a drain, or
- in the trash!



Oil dumped, accidentally or deliberately, can kill plants and animals and pollute soil and water. It is important to prevent even small spills. Just a quart of oil from one oil change can ruin the taste of a million quarts of drinking water.

Instead of dumping it, take your used oil to a service station or a retail oil dealer for recycling. Used oil from vehicles, snowblowers, lawnmowers, snowmobiles and motorcycles can be reprocessed and rerefined into lubricating or heating oil.

Just Be Sure To:

- Keep your used oil pure, don't mix it with anything else.
- Store it in a clean plastic container with a tight lid.
- Take it to a collection point for recycling.

Information You Need to Know

 Environmental Conservation Law requires service stations that annually sell 500 gallons of oil and retailers that annually sell 1,000 gallons of oil to accept up to five gallons of used oil per person per day at no charge.

 Service stations and retailers may temporarily refuse to accept used oil only if their holding tanks are full.

 Retailers that cannot provide collection and storage for used oil may contract with another establishment to provide these services. The retailer must post a sign indicating the location of the contracted service establishment.

 If a service station or retailer won't take your used oil, notify the New York State Department of Conservation (DEC) regional office nearest you.



LEAD-ACID BATTERY RECYCLING Get a Jump on It!

If you have a dead battery you should know that it is now illegal to dispose of the battery in your trash. Most of us use lead-acid batteries in our cars, trucks and recreational vehicles.

With use, these batteries run down and eventually die. If not properly handled, lead-acid batteries can leak contaminants into soil and water.

Instead, you must take your dead battery for recycling to a retail store, distributor, or battery recycling facility.

By law, retailers must accept used batteries from customers and distributors must accept used batteries from their retailers.

When Purchasing a New Lead-Acid Battery:



You can give your used battery for recycling to a retailer at the time you purchase a new one.



The retailer will charge you a \$5 "return incentive payment" if you do not return a used battery when buying a replacement.



The retailer, who sold you the battery, will refund the \$5 payment if you return a used battery within 30 days of the purchase date.

Retailers and Distributors Must:

/ Accept, free of charge, up to two used batteries per month from any individual.

/ Post signs displaying the universal recycling symbol and stating the following:

**IT IS ILLEGAL TO
DISCARD VEHICLE BATTERIES.
STATE LAW REQUIRES US TO
ACCEPT VEHICLE BATTERIES
FREE OF CHARGE FOR RECYCLING.**

Retailers can legally keep unredeemed payments.

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