

Car Care Corner

Give Your Vehicle A Spotless Sponge Down

(NAPSA)—Your car may well be your biggest single investment aside from your house. Here are hints on how to keep it looking showroom new:

- Wash Your Car Regularly: Give your car a proper wash at least 12 times a year so bugs and bird droppings, dirt and salt don't cause corrosion. The longer dirt is left on the hood, the more damage it will cause to your paint job.
- Don't Just Wash, Wax: Wax sealants help protect paint from scratches and damage from chemicals, keep paint from fading and keep your car looking shiny.
- Respect The Beltline: Since scratchy silicone and salt tend to accumulate below the beltline (approximately the middle of the side of the vehicle), it's advisable to wash one section of the car at a time so as not to redistribute dirt and grit to the top, hood or trunk.
- Towel Off: One of the most important parts of the entire process, improper drying can lead to water spots, streaks and scratches. Use 100 percent cotton towels or a chamois to avoid scratching. Work from the top down, gently blotting, not wiping, water from the surface.
- Kick The Bucket: You can wash and wax your vehicle to a



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