CAR CARE

Your car is always there for you. Regular, basic maintenance can be a great way to return the favor, says the nonprofit Car Care Council. It recommends an annual tune-up for the best balance of power, fuel economy and low emissions. Also, change the oil and filter per the owner's manual. Check the tire pressure monthly. Have the alignment checked annually. Inspect the windshield wipers and lights. To help, the council has a free custom service schedule and offers a free "Car Care Guide" at car-care--dot--org.