Your Car

Revitalize Your Vehicle

(NAPS)—April is Car Care Month—
bringing attention to the importance of
preventative car maintenance. It’s the
perfect time for you and your mechanic
to perform a checkup on your vehicle
after snow, rain and cooler temperatures
have taken their toll.

Change Oil, Fluids and Air Filter

Professional mechanics recommend
changing your oil every 5,000–10,000
miles to keep the engine running
smoothly. Check the owner’s manual for
instructions before you get started.

Mechanics also recommend replac-
ing your vehicle’s air filter at least once
a year. Check your vehicle’s instruction
manual to locate the filter, open its case
and review how it’s positioned. Remove
the old air filter and insert the new one
in the same position, before closing the
metal clips.

If you don’t feel comfortable chang-
ing your own oil and air filter, your
mechanic can change them for you.
While you’re there, also have your
power steering, brake, transmission and
windshield washer fluid levels checked.

Fix Windshield Wipers

Faulty windshield wipers can be
dangerous during spring rainstorms.
The good news is you can easily replace
them on your own! Lift the wiper arm
away from the windshield, press the
small tab on its underside and slide the
blade off the arm before attaching a new
blade.

Replace Headlights

Hazy headlights are not only an
eyesore but decrease your visibility at
night. Open your engine compartment,
remove the headlight’s power wires and
disconnect the old bulb. Handle the new
bulb with tissues or gloves, before rein-
stalling and reconnecting the wires.

When you’re finished with these
tasks, you’ll need more than the tradi-
tional hand soap to clean up. Lava, Soap
has the power of the pumice to quickly
break through the toughest grease
and grime while leaving your hands
moisturized!

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