New Driver's Maintenance Checklist

A quick-start guide to help new drivers take care of their vehicle and drive with confidence.

Weekly Checks

- Check fuel level and refill as needed.
- Make sure all exterior lights (headlights, brake lights, turn signals) are working.
- Look for any visible leaks or odd smells under the vehicle.
- Check tire pressure and adjust if necessary (use owner's manual for correct PSI)

Monthly Checks

- Inspect tire tread depth and wear patterns.
- Top off windshield washer fluid.
- Clean the interior and windows for visibility and comfort.
- Check oil level using the dipstick (engine off, car cool). Every 3,000–5,000 Miles
- Schedule an oil and filter change (if not synthetic, check manual).
- Check all fluid levels: brake, coolant, transmission, power steering.
- Visually inspect belts and hoses for cracks or wear. Every 6 Months
- Have brakes inspected by a certified technician.
- Rotate tires for even wear.
- Replace windshield wipers if streaking or skipping.
- Review dashboard warning lights and ensure nothing is lit unnecessarily.

Emergency Kit Must-Haves

- Jumper cables
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Tire pressure gauge
- · Basic first aid kit
- · Blanket and bottled water
- Phone charger (car adapter)



83 State Route 23 N, Hamburg, NJ 07419

973-786-3030 www.autorepair.shop