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(NAPSI)—When it comes to taking care of cars, all those countless "do it yourself" videos make it all seem so straightforward and easy. So, too many people take matters into their own hands, only to realize after they've taken everything apart, only a trusted mechanic

can properly fix the problem.

As cars are becoming more advanced, it's important to visit your automotive repair shop for professional car care. Here's a list of seemingly simple but actually complex repairs you shouldn't try at home.

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- Brake Fluid Flush: Without proper equipment, home mechanics will not be able to get all the old brake fluid out of the system. Car owners might accidentally put power steering fluid in the brake fluid reservoir, potentially causing a complete failure of the entire braking system, requiring thousands of dollars to repair.
- Coolant Flush: Similarly, without proper chemicals and equipment, car owners can't remove built-up residue and deposits, leaving behind old coolant. Additionally, home mechanics might not know the correct mix of antifreeze and water, causing the system to be at the incorrect freezing or boiling point.

Car owners might also put ordinary tap water in the system, causing excessive corrosion.

• Fuel Injector Cleaning: Most products sold in auto parts stores are meant to be added to the gas tank and do not provide proper cleaning. A professional auto repair team, such as the ones at Meineke, will clean the carbon deposits from the throttle body and intake/ exhaust valves, improving engine performance and fuel economy.

MODERATELY COMPLEX RE-PAIRS:

• Brakes: Few things are more alarming than brake failure. In fact, brake maintenance may be the most important service in terms of safety. A good



brake job doesn't just require resurfacing rotors and drums but also properly oiling key components to avoid excessive wear and noise. And failure to tighten all bolts can result in unexpected brake failure. With the complexity of the modern car, it's better to visit a shop that is equipped with the special tools and diagnostic equipment needed for maintaining your brakes.

• Suspension Work: Vehicle suspension systems are complex and many components have significant spring tension. A professional will make sure spring tension is properly secured, limiting the possibility of serious damage to your vehicle.

• Battery Replacement in Hybrid or Electric Vehicles: Not only could an incorrect replacement cause engine or drive train damage that could cost thousands to repair, disposal of the old batteries may also be an environmental hazard.

• Air Conditioning Systems: Attempting to recharge a

system using cans of refrigerant available at auto parts stores could overcharge it, leading to catastrophic failure and costing thousands to fix. Additionally, refrigerant could leak into the atmosphere, contributing to environmental issues.

Whether a vehicle needs seemingly simple mainte-

nance or moderately complex repairs, car owners should visit an automotive repair shop for professional car care. And with the recent chip crisis affecting the supply of new cars at dealerships, technicians at car care centers such as Meineke can help prevent further damage and extend the life of your car.

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(AF)—Trying to start your lawn mower after a long winter can be very frustrating. Performing a few routine maintenance tasks before you store your lawn mower for the winter can save you time in the spring, Guest Posting prolong the life of your lawn mower, and save you money over the long run. Even if you have already put your lawn mower into storage for the winter, a few simple maintenance tasks performed before starting your lawn mower in the spring can be very beneficial.

Wash and dry your lawn mower after the mowing season is over. A power blower can be very

helpful in removing plug if it is showgrass and debris from the underside of your lawn mower and other hard to reach areas. If your lawn mower engine is air-cooled, use a stick or wooden dowel to remove any residue from the cooling fins. If you have a lawn mower with a water-cooled engine, check the coolant level and fill the reservoir if needed. Clean the radiator cooling fins with a strong jet of water. You should also drain the fuel tank and replace the fuel filter. The air filter housing should be cleaned and the air filter replaced.

Remember to check the spark plug(s) for corrosion and wear. Don't attempt to clean the spark

ing some wear. It is cheap and easy to replace the spark plug. Be sure to remove any debris before removing the spark plug and by using a bit of anti-seize compound when you replace the old spark plug, you will ensure easier removal next year. Clean and lubricate the throttle linkages and the choke, and apply grease to the mower deck and all the fittings. This will be easier if you remove the mower deck and you can sharpen the blades while the mower deck is off. Sharpening the blades after each mowing season will give you a better cut next year and save you the trouble of having to sharpen them in the spring.





Clean the battery terminals and replace your old lawn mower battery if necessary. You can help prevent corrosion of the terminals if you apply grease to the posts at the end of each mowing season. Change the oil in the engine crankcase and replace the oil filter. You should also drain the gas from your lawn mower before storing it for the winter. During the long summer mowing season, remember to wash your lawn mower and remove any debris after the mower has cooled. Keeping your lawn mower clean will add years to its life and make routine maintenance tasks a lot easier.

Lawn mowing is a job most of us face each and every

year. A lawn mower that runs great and is well maintained will make this job more enjoyable and easier all summer long. A yearly check up for your lawn mower is the perfect way to prolong its life and keep it running like new, and your lawn will look great when you mow with a machine that is in top working condition. Your lawn mower will perform at the highest level possible if you remember to perform these simple maintenance tasks each and every year. During the summer months periodically check the oil and the condition of the air and fuel filters. You will save money and your lawn mower will work great for years to come.











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rigs, offered by trusted owners, that allows you to upgrade your camping experience and sample the authentic RV lifestyle in a safe, reliable, and fun way. The rigs come in just about every shape, size, and footprint imaginable, and they're often easily affordable. 1. Get up off the ground. Camping in an RV provides more of the comforts of home with such amenities as a cozy bed instead of a bedroll.

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7. Don't forget your pet: RVs are pet friendly, so bring all the toys and gear for fido.

8. Time is money: Another benefit for those on the go is setup time. No pitching a tent, breaking it down and repitching as you make your way from one location to another.

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301 WEST WOOD ST. - PARIS, TN KYLE PARKER - OWNER/INSTALLER (NAPSI)—Purchasing a new car is a major financial investment. Keeping it clean can be an easy and inexpensive way to protect its resale and trade-in value.

"Many motorists procrastinate when it comes to cleaning their vehicles," said Rich White, executive director of the nonprofit Car Care Council. "Whether you do it yourself or have it cleaned professionally, proactively keeping your car clean on the outside and tidy on the inside will pay big dividends when it comes to maintaining your vehicle's value over time."

The Car Care Council suggests five simple steps to keep a vehicle clean, helping protect it from the elements and preserve its value.

- Declutter—Start the cleaning process by removing excess clutter from inside the car as it can be distracting and hazardous, especially when debris finds its way near the gas and brake pedals. Don't forget to clear out items that have accumulated in the trunk as they can add extra weight and reduce fuel efficiency.
- Clean the Interior—The next step is to thoroughly clean the interior, wash the windows, and clean and install floor mats.

Be sure to vacuum on a regular basis. A clean and orderly interior lets you spot issues in the cabin so you can get them repaired before they get worse.

- Wash the Exterior—Give your car a good wash from top to bottom using products specifically made for automobiles. Always clean the tires and wheels before washing the body and don't use the same washing mitt or cloth for both.
- Wax Twice a Year—Waxing not only protects a vehicle's finish, it makes subsequent washing easier. Before proceeding, make sure there are no foreign particles on the paint. It's important to note that waxing should be done in the shade, not direct sunlight.
- Fix Chips—If you find minor paint damage, cover the paint chips as quickly as possible to prevent further damage.



For a quick fix until source of informayou can get paint touch-up supplies, dab a little clear nail polish on the scratch.

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