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CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF TRUSTED SERVICE!

We're well into spring, and this marks Automotive Solutions' 25th Spring of keeping New Zealand drivers safe, supported, and on the road.

With 65 independent repair centres across the country, our team of dedicated technicians are here to deliver the trusted service and expert advice you've come to expect - no matter where the road takes you. From the North to the South, Automotive Solutions has got you covered.

This spring we would like to welcome on board Beach Road Tyre and Auto Services in New Brighton, Christchurch and Kihikihi Garage in Te Awamutu.

Here's to 25 years of supporting Kiwi drivers, and to an even brighter journey ahead!

For automotive care you can count on, call 0800 791 791 or visit automotivesolutions.co.nz

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ALLERGY SEASON FOR YOU AND YOUR CAR?

Spring is notorious for hay fever — and your car can suffer too. Dust, pollen, and mould spores build up in vents, filters, and crevices, creating an unhealthy driving environment.



Cabin air filter:

Spring air is full of pollen and dust and the often-overlooked cabin filter traps this before it hits your nose. If your cabin filter is blocked, you might experience musty air, weak airflow, or allergy symptoms. Replacing it takes minutes and can transform your in-car air quality.

Interior deep clean:

Pollen and dust love to cling to dashboards, vents, and carpets. Vacuum thoroughly and use a microfibre cloth and interior cleaner to wipe down hard surfaces. Don't forget to clean inside the vents — a small brush or compressed air works wonders.

Air conditioning:

Spring is the ideal time to check your AC system before you really need it. Musty smells or weak cooling could mean mould or bacteria growth in the vents. A system clean and regas can clear this out and improve performance.

Windscreen clarity:

Spring bugs, tree sap, and road dust are on the rise. Replace worn wipers and top up your washer fluid with a good mix to cut through pollen, grime, and bugs

Spring clean your car, inside and out — it deserves it!

SPRING IS FOR SORTING THE SMALL STUFF

Spring is the perfect time to catch up on those “I’ll get to it later” vehicle jobs. Little issues can quietly grow into big costs, especially if you’re planning summer trips. Tackling the small stuff now keeps you safer, saves money, and prevents last-minute stress.

Here’s a quick spring checklist to get your car road-ready:

Check all lights:

Indicator out? Brake light dim? It only takes minutes to replace bulbs, but it could save you a fine (or a crash).

Test the horn:

Often overlooked, but it’s an essential safety feature, not just for angry drivers.

Inspect belts and hoses:

Cracks or frays could leave you stranded when temperatures rise.

Top up washer fluid and coolant:

Levels tend to drop over winter and can be dangerous when low.

Check your jack and spare tyre:

Don’t wait until you’re stuck roadside to find out your spare is flat.

Tyres and brakes:

Winter roads are punishing. Check tyre tread for uneven wear or thinning (aim for at least 3mm for safety), don’t forget the spare, and inspect brake pads. Squealing isn’t just annoying, it’s a warning.

Battery and electrical:

Cold starts and short winter trips take their toll. If your car is slow to start or your headlights flicker, it’s time for a battery test.

Engine bay and fluids:

Check oil, coolant, and brake fluid. Top up or flush as needed. If any fluid looks cloudy or gritty, replacement is due.

And don’t skip the big stuff either, a few bigger-but-still-springworthy checks:

Suspension:

Watch for bouncing after bumps, uneven tyre wear, drifting in corners, nose-diving when braking, or strange creaks and clunks. Winter potholes and rough roads can accelerate wear.

Windscreen:

Bright spring sun highlights what winter hid: chips and cracks that spread, worn wipers leaving streaks, and haze or film on the glass that increases glare. Clear glass and effective wipers mean safer visibility.

A spring tune-up takes less time than you think and it can prevent much bigger problems later.

Book a seasonal check-up with your local Automotive Solutions member to make sure your car is fresh, safe, and ready for summer road trips.

THINKING ABOUT SELLING? SPRING IS THE TIME

If you’re considering selling your car, spring is one of the best times to do it. Warmer weather, longer days, and upcoming summer holidays mean more people are car shopping — especially for family cars, utes, and fuel-efficient commuters.

Here’s how to get it ready:

Detail it properly

Clean inside and out, polish the paint, and vacuum thoroughly. A clean car sells faster and for more.

Fix the easy stuff

Top up fluids, change out worn wipers or bulbs, and get those little interior quirks sorted. Buyers notice.

Service it

A fresh warrant and recent service give peace of mind to potential buyers.

Get advice

Not sure what to fix or what it’s worth? Ask your local mechanic for a pre-sale inspection — they’ll help you focus your effort on what matters.

If you’re not selling yet, these steps are still useful — they’ll make your car nicer to drive and keep resale value high down the track.



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