MYCAR.CA · OTTAWA · KINGSTON · NORTH BAY

Ontario Car Maintenance Checklist

Print it, keep it in the glovebox, and check off each service as you go. Intervals are typical for used vehicles — always follow your owner's manual.

EVERY MONTH — 5 MINUTES

- [ ] Check tire pressure (when tires are cold)
- [ ] Inspect fluid levels — oil, coolant, brake, power steering, washer
- [ ] Test all lights — headlights, brakes, signals, reverse

EVERY 5,000–8,000 KM

- [ ] Change engine oil and filter
- [ ] Rotate tires (about every 10,000 km)

EVERY 20,000–30,000 KM

- [ ] Inspect brakes — pads, rotors, listen for grinding
- [ ] Replace cabin and engine air filters
- [ ] Test battery health and check terminals

EVERY 60,000–100,000 KM

- [ ] Service the transmission fluid
- [ ] Replace spark plugs
- [ ] Check the timing belt (if your vehicle uses one)

BEFORE WINTER

- [ ] Install winter tires
- [ ] Test battery and check antifreeze
- [ ] Confirm heater and defroster work
- [ ] New wiper blades + winter washer fluid
- [ ] Pack an emergency kit — blanket, flashlight, booster cables

BEFORE SUMMER

- [ ] Inspect cooling system and air conditioning
- [ ] Check tire tread depth
- [ ] Wash off winter road salt, check for rust

Watch for warning signs any time: check-engine light, new noises, vibrations while driving, fluid leaks, or burning smells — treat these as same-week issues.

Keep your receipts — a documented service history **raises your resale value**.

Book a service → mycar.ca/book-a-service