

12-Month Vehicle Maintenance Schedule

Vehicle _____ Year _____

Date	Task	Description	Done?
January	Synthetic oil & filter change • Battery load test	Kick off the year with fresh oil for cold-start protection and ensure your battery can handle winter dips.	<input type="checkbox"/>
February	Belt & hose inspection • Tire tread depth check	Rubber parts crack in winter; catching wear now prevents spring breakdowns on US-281.	<input type="checkbox"/>
March	Tire rotation & balance • Brake pad/fluid check	Even out tread wear before road-trip season and confirm stopping power for Palo Pinto County hills.	<input type="checkbox"/>
April	A/C performance test • Replace cabin air filter	Beat Texas heat—confirm vents blow 40 °F air and swap filters for allergen-free rides.	<input type="checkbox"/>
May	Coolant strength test • Flush if due	50/50 mix protects to -34 °F and up to 265 °F boiling; old coolant loses rust inhibitors.	<input type="checkbox"/>
June	Transmission fluid check • Clean battery terminals	Highway towing raises ATF temps; fresh fluid prevents slip. Corrosion-free terminals ensure quick starts.	<input type="checkbox"/>
July	Mid-year oil change • Suspension & steering inspection	Summer dust thickens oil; new oil maintains viscosity. Grease joints and spot worn bushings early.	<input type="checkbox"/>
August	Exterior & interior detail • Paint sealant	UV rays fade paint—apply ceramic or wax coating and condition leather/plastics.	<input type="checkbox"/>
September	Four-wheel alignment • Replace engine air filter	Pothole season is ending; realign to save tires. New air filter boosts MPG by up to 10%.	<input type="checkbox"/>
October	Brake fluid flush • Spark plug inspection	Brake fluid absorbs moisture; flush every 2 yrs. Check plugs for winter cold-start reliability.	<input type="checkbox"/>
November	Tire rotation • Heater & defroster test	Prep for holiday travel—even tread and make sure the cabin warms up fast on chilly mornings.	<input type="checkbox"/>
December	Year-end 18-point inspection • Washer antifreeze top-up	Comprehensive safety check and winter-blend washer fluid to clear salty road grime.	<input type="checkbox"/>

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