Five Tips For Saving Money With Your Vehicle...

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2. Determine How Long You Intend To Own Your Vehicle.
A clear plan for your car keeps you from over- or under-maintaining the vehicle. I often tell people there are two plans: change vehicles often and do the minimum necessary while you own them, or start with a good vehicle, provide exceptional care, and run the wheels off of it!
It’s OK to be on the “use it up” program if you know when to quit, but no vehicle runs forever. Do not form an emotional bond with your vehicle! When your car reaches the end of its economic viability it’s important to be able to say goodbye.
Trying to maintain a “challenged” vehicle seldom works out for either us or our clients. I value our client relationships, and I hate to see them deteriorate along with a vehicle that should be replaced.

3. Fix Problems As They Happen
Don’t let problems build up. If left unattended, problems that are easy and inexpensive to fix can develop into difficult and expensive ones that can doom your car.

4. Have Regular Interval Services With Oil Changes
Every 3,000 to 5,000-miles you should have all car services including a 90-point inspection, change of oil, and a new oil filter. Make sure you get the inspection and not just the oil change.
New oil is good, but an inspection can identify important problems that have nothing to do with oil. It is cheaper compared to the cost and inconvenience of a new motor or new vehicle.

5. Keep Your Fuel Injectors Clean
Dirty fuel injectors can decrease gas mileage or even damage your engine, and improving your mileage by just 5% will deliver a great return over time. Start by being careful what fuel goes into your tank. Contrary to belief, my name is on the same line with name-brand fuel stations and avoid unbranded “Ma and Pa” stations. Have your fuel injectors and intake system cleaned properly at least every 30,000 miles. The expenses of poor mileage or a set of new injectors quickly outweigh the few-cents-a-gallon savings at the pump.

Lawn’s to Gardens
It seems the cost of just about everything is going up in the supermarkets, and more people are beginning to grow food at home. Here are some fun statistics about the joys of gardening:

44% of gardeners increase their time spent outdoors due to their garden
58% of gardeners increase their fruit and vegetable intake each day
83% of gardeners save money on food because of their garden
75% of gardeners share extra produce with people who don’t live with them
44% of gardeners meet new neighbors and people who don’t live with them

It’s a “growing” trend in Portland, so why not consider turning part of your yard into a food garden? If you don’t have a yard, you can also grow food plants in containers!

TDASI Carbon Neutral Program

In its second year of operation, the TDASI Carbon Neutral Program is nearing an amazing 1,000,000 pounds of carbon offset, enough to power 57 homes per year!
It is important to act now to support renewable energy and begin saving on your automotive services through the TDASI Carbon Neutral Program! Visit www.TDASICarbonNeutral.org to sign up!

Benefits of the TDASI Carbon Neutral Program include:

- Offers of your vehicle’s carbon emissions for 1 year
- 10% discount at TDASI for your vehicle (Not to be combined with other offers)
- Environmentally-conscious seasonal offers on TDASI services
- TDASI Carbon Neutral Program window stickers
- Investment through BEF into renewable energy

For Carbon Neutral Program Members ONLY!

Please keep your eyes on your email... this quarter’s offer will be HALF PRICE FUEL INJECTOR CLEANING will be coming out the first week of April. Thank you for helping make a difference in our world!

Drew’s Kitchen: Dilled Cucumber Salad
Springtime is salad time, and this light and simple recipe is an ideal way to get the season going.
Place cucumber and red onion in shallow bowl. In another bowl, stir together vinegar, vegetable oil, seasoned salt, sugar and pepper, stirring until all of the sugar dissolves. Pour over cucumbers and onions; stir in dill weed and toss gently. Let sit at room temperature for an hour. Makes 2 to 3 servings

INGREDIENTS
Large cucumber, sliced thin
1 Red onion, thinly sliced
2 tsp vegetable oil
1 tsp seasoned salt
1 tsp granulated sugar
1 cup of sour cream
2 tsp pepper
1 tsp chopped fresh dill weed

When Was Your A/C System Last Serviced?

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When Gwen Goss-Dedrickson opened up her natural foods store in Oregon City, she had a vision: to form a community of like-minded people who wish to live “green and good”. Her plan? To offer local, organic bulk foods that reduce the need for plastic. “We want to eventually eliminate packaging,” says Gwen. “We have a commercial kitchen to make items like ketchup and apple sauce, and we use glass containers.” She has even lowered prices to encourage customers to use their own packaging and buy in bulk.

Gwen’s forward-thinking store has plans to carry as much local produce as possible once available and of Oregon. As one of the founders of Oregon City’s farmers market, Gwen runs Green Grocer from 9:30am - 6:30pm every day, and you can call her at 503-657-5977. Her ideas are sure to catch on as society relearns to live a more simple, local life. TDASI tips her hat to Gwen, The Green Grocer!

Spotlight
Mike Launder
“Drivability Diagnostican”

Tom Dwyer Automotive’s Mike Launder solves any problems affecting drivability, safety, or usability. Mike trained as a technician at PCC, earning all 8 A.S.E. Certifications, an L-1 Advanced Engine Certification as society relates to TDASI, although not at all shops) and recognition as one of three 1991 Motor Magazine “Techs of the Year”.
Mike has seen more changes in the last 5 years than any other time in his career. The emphasis on automotive computerization requires constant training and equipment updates, and he appreciates the support he gets for this at TDASI. Mike thinks things are still changing, and that the shops that survive will be the ones with clear goals and plans for achieving them.
When he’s not under the hood, Mike lives a quiet life in Newberg, Oregon with Lori, his wife of 26 years, and his two boys Andrew and Robert. He enjoys hiking with his family and photography. Next time you’re at the shop, ask him about his off-road driving experience in his PT Cruiser!
It's Car Wash Coupon season again!

Thank you for your business!

Thank you to all of our clients and friends who have graciously supported and referred TDASII over the years. Our business is built upon the positive comments and referrals from people like you. Recommending us to others is the highest compliment we can receive. Referrals are critical to our survival and long term growth.

We strive for 100% client satisfaction, so please take the time to complete the survey left in your vehicle after each visit. This information is helpful for us to improve and continue to provide impeccable automotive service. Thank you for your trust and continued support!

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Our parking lot is dusty this time of year so we give out coupons for hand-washing. Here’s some important information to remember:

Subtle warning signs your A/C system needs to be serviced can be easily missed; decreased efficiency delivering cool dry air, rapid compressor cycling or unusual compressor noise, visual evidence of leaks or combinations of these signs can all be early indicators that you’re A/C needs attention. A/C problems are best caught early to avoid damage to the A/C compressor, the heart of the system. Compressor failure is expensive and can be avoided. When A/C is added to a new vehicle as a factory option it is generally only a few hundred dollars. When the compressor fails and causes system contamination, the repair expense can easily exceed $1000.00. A little preventative maintenance can be a good investment.

The air conditioning system works by removing the heat and moisture from air inside your vehicle and transferring that heat to the outside air. What is left when the heat and humidity have been removed is cooler, more comfortable air. Most systems should be able to