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A monthly publication filled with industry news, maintenance and safety tips, upcoming events, special coupons, and more!



- **No Additional Local Fees:** Municipalities and counties are prohibited from imposing additional taxes or fees on the first sale of a new tire.

New Tire Fees...

Effective January 1, 2026, Maryland is implementing a new \$5.00 fee on the first sale of each new tire, alongside increasing the existing tire recycling fee from \$0.80 to \$1.00 per tire. These fees apply to new tires sold with vehicles, trailers, and farm equipment, but not to out-of-state retailers.

Key 2026 Maryland Tire Fee Changes:

- **New Tire Fee:** A new, additional \$5.00 fee per new tire.
- **Tire Recycling Fee Increase:** Increased to \$1.00 per tire (up from \$0.80).
- **Application:** Applies to the first sale of new tires, including those on new/used vehicles, trailers, and farm equipment.
- **Administration:** The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) now manages the recycling fee, which may be adjusted every two years up to a maximum of \$2.00.



In the Community...

Spring is finally here, and kids will be spending more time outdoors. Please drive with care and watch for kids playing near roadways everywhere!




Graeves Auto & Tire
is a AAA approved auto repair center.
For more information, please visit:
www.graevesauto.com

See page 2 for this month's special deal!



Car Safety Tip of the Month!

Winter is over, so here is a short list of safety tips for driving in the Spring...

Look for Leftover Sand and Salt

Once the snow is gone, sand and salt often remain, making traction difficult. Take care at intersections and give yourself a little extra braking time.



Careful in the Rain

Spring showers can create tricky driving conditions. Safe driving in a rainstorm means turning your headlights on, driving slowly, and giving other vehicles more space.

Avoid Flooded Roads

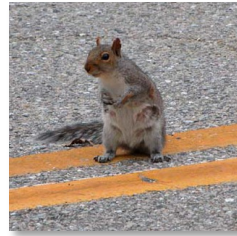
When approaching a flooded road, turn around and find a safe route. Standing water can have strong undercurrents.

Look for Potholes

Combine salt, sand, snowplows, and alternating cold and warm weather, and you've got the perfect conditions for creating new potholes.

Look for Pedestrians and Bikers

Everyone is ready to enjoy the warmer weather. This means increased motorcycles, bicycles and foot traffic on roads and shoulders.



Animal Crossing

Warmer weather also means many animals will be coming out of hibernation.

Did You Know?

African elephants only have 4 teeth.

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Over 1 billion snails are served in restaurants each year.

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There are more insects in the world than all other animals combined.

It's time for Tune-Ups and Oil Changes!

Let us check your car over and get you ready for your Spring and Summer trips.



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COUPON

Print and bring this coupon to Graeves Auto & Tire at the time of purchase and receive 10% off a tune up and/or oil change.

(This coupon may not be used in conjunction with any other promotions or coupons.)

Coupon expires: April 30, 2026

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