Oil Change at Home Guide

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Changing your own oil is one of the most rewarding DIY car tasks. It saves money and ensures you always know your oil is fresh and clean.

Tools & Materials Needed

- New engine oil (check owner's manual for type & amount)
- New oil filter
- Oil filter wrench
- Socket wrench set
- Drain pan
- Funnel
- Car jack & jack stands (or ramps)
- Gloves & rags

Step-by-Step Instructions

- 1. Warm up the engine for 2-3 minutes (helps oil drain faster).
- 2. Park on a flat surface, turn off engine, and secure with parking brake.
- 3. Lift the car using a jack & jack stands (or ramps).
- 4. Place drain pan under the oil drain plug.
- 5. Remove drain plug carefully and let oil drain completely.
- 6. Replace drain plug securely once drained.
- 7. Remove old oil filter with wrench, lubricate new filter 's rubber seal with oil.
- 8. Install new oil filter hand-tight.
- 9. Refill engine with new oil using funnel.
- 10. Check oil level with dipstick and adjust as needed.
- 11. Start engine, run for 1 minute, then check for leaks.

Safety Notes

- Always use jack stands never rely on the jack alone.
- Dispose of used oil responsibly at a recycling center.
- Wear gloves to protect your hands.

Next Due Date:

Record your mileage and set a reminder for your next oil change (typically every 5,000-7,500 miles or as recommended).

Tip: Keeping up with regular oil changes keeps your engine healthy and improves fuel efficiency.

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