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Focus on Safety --

Vehicle Safety Checklist



Tires - Air pressure, tread wear, spare

Belts and Hoses - Condition and fittings

Wiper Blades - Wear and tear on both sides

Cooling System - Coolant level and servicing

Fluid Levels - Oil, brake, transmission, power steering, and windshield washer fluids

Lights - Headlights, brake lights, turn signals, emergency flashers, interior lights, and trailer lights

Air Conditioning - A/C check

Flash fire — when lightning strikes

Because of atmospheric conditions, summer is the most common time of year for lightning. There are a few things you can do to reduce the risk that those flashes filling the sky will damage your home and what's in it:



Whole house protection.

A whole house surge protector, which is installed between the power line and main breaker, is the best kind of protection for your home from lightning traveling through the utility line. Check your local power company to see if they can provide this protection. If not, consult a licensed electrician.

Please note that this may not provide protection if lightning hits your home through other sources, such as plumbing lines, chimneys, tree roots, air conditioners or antennas.

Surge protection for property.

Lightning can cause strong electromagnetic fields that trigger a power surge and damage electronic equipment. A best practice is to install surge protection for power cords to electronic equipment, and telephone and cable/satellite TV lines. And when a storm is coming, unplug computers, TVs and other electronic devices.