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### Legals

### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 843

### BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of Application of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. for Annual Review of Gas Costs Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.4(c) and Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6)

### PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a hearing for the purpose of receiving public and expert witness testimony on the annual review of the cost of natural gas supply, storage and transportation for Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont). The hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.

The hearing is being held pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statute § 62-133.4(c) and Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6) for the purpose of comparing Piedmont's prudently incurred gas costs with costs recovered from all the utility's customers served during the test period. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

Piedmont filed testimony relating to the subject matter of this hearing on August 1, 2024. Further information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Dobbs Building, 5th Floor, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of Piedmont's testimony is available for review by the public, or on the Commission's website at [www.ncuc.gov](http://www.ncuc.gov).

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Correspondence regarding the annual review proceeding, and the hearing thereon should be directed to the Public Staff and should include any information which the writer wishes to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to Mr. Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, c/o Consumer Protection- Utilities, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001. Written statements may be emailed to [utilityAGO@ncdoj.gov](mailto:utilityAGO@ncdoj.gov).

Written statements are not evidence unless the writers appear at a hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements.

Persons desiring to intervene in this proceeding as formal parties should file a petition to intervene pursuant to Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 on or before Monday, September 16, 2024. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before Monday, September 16, 2024.

This the 26th day of August, 2024.

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### NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

A. Shonta Dunston, Chief Clerk

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## Foreclosures

### AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE 24 SP 62

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust made by Arthur Ray Bell, Jr and Margaret A. Bell (PRESENT RECORD OWNER(S): Arthur Ray Bell, Jr and Margaret A. Bell) to CB Services Corp, Trustee(s), dated October 8, 2010, and recorded in Book No. 2533, at Page 425 in Nash County Registry, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the promissory note secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Substitute Trustee Services, Inc. having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds Nash County, North Carolina and the holder of the note evidencing said indebtedness having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the courthouse door in Nashville, Nash County, North Carolina, or the customary location designated for foreclosure sales, at 10:00 AM on September 25, 2024 and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following real estate situated in Rocky Mount in the County of Nash, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

KNOWN AS 6146 Saddlehorn Drive, Rocky Mount, Nash County, NC, and BEING all of Lot 37, Block A as shown on Map of Part Two of Wind Chase Subdivision recorded in Map Book 18, Page 127, and recorded in Map Book 19, Page 18, Nash County Registry, and to which reference is hereby made for a more complete description. Together with improvements located thereon; said property being located at 6146 Saddlehorn Drive, Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

Trustee may, in the Trustee's sole discretion, delay the sale for up to one hour as provided in N.C.G.S. §45-21.23.

Should the property be purchased by a third party, that party must pay the excise tax, as well as the court costs of Forty-Five Cents (\$0.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by N.C.G.S. §7A-308(a)(1).

The property to be offered pursuant to this notice of sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS, WHERE IS." Neither the Trustee nor the holder of the note secured by the deed of trust/security agreement, or both, being foreclosed, nor the officers, directors, attorneys, employees, agents or authorized representative of either the Trustee or the holder of the note make any representation or warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition are expressly disclaimed. Also, this property is being sold subject to all taxes, special assessments, and prior liens or prior encumbrances of record and any recorded releases. Said property is also being sold subject to applicable

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Federal and State laws.

A deposit of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, is required and must be tendered in the form of certified funds at the time of the sale.

If the trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the confirmation of the sale and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the trustee, in its sole discretion, if it believes the challenge to have merit, may request the court to declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy.

### Additional Notice for Residential Property with Less than 15 rental units, including Single-Family Residential Real Property

An order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold.

Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may after receiving the notice of foreclosure sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days but not more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in this notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

### SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE SERVICES, INC. SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE

c/o Hutchens Law Firm  
P.O. Box 1028  
4317 Ramsey Street  
Fayetteville, North Carolina 28311  
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### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE 24 SP 31

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust made by Ermaleah TyTaonna Mills (PRESENT RECORD OWNER(S): Ermaleah TyTaonna Mills) to CB Trustee, LLC, Trustee(s), dated December 9, 2020, and recorded in Book No. 3093, at Page 882 in Nash County Registry, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of the promissory note secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Substitute Trustee Services, Inc. having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds Nash County, North Carolina and the holder of the note evidencing said indebtedness having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the courthouse door in Nashville, Nash County, North Carolina, or the customary location designated for foreclosure sales, at 10:00 AM on September 18, 2024 and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the

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following real estate situated in Bailey in the County of Nash, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

Parcel ID: 041193 PIN No: 2755-0090-3420

LYING and situate in Bailey Township, Nash County, North Carolina, and being all of Lot 2, Green Valley Estates as shown on that map recorded in Map Book 28, Page 223, Nash County Registry. Together with improvements located thereon; said property being located at 8153 Haw Branch Road, Bailey, North Carolina.

THIS CONVEYANCE is made subject to those restrictive covenants recorded in Book 1722, Page 405, and amended in Book 1958, Page 430, Nash County Registry.

BEING a portion of the property described in that instrument recorded in Book 1723, Page 49, Nash County Registry.

Trustee may, in the Trustee's sole discretion, delay the sale for up to one hour as provided in N.C.G.S. §45-21.23.

Should the property be purchased by a third party, that party must pay the excise tax, as well as the court costs of Forty-Five Cents (\$0.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) required by N.C.G.S. §7A-308(a)(1).

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A deposit of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, is required and must be tendered in the form of certified funds at the time of the sale.

If the trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the confirmation of the sale and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the trustee, in its sole discretion, if it believes the challenge to have merit, may request the court to declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy.

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File No. **24 E 537**

### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Julie Norris Mosley** deceased, late of **Nash County**, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them, duly verified, to the undersigned at 101 Sara Dr., Nashville, NC 27856 on or before November 22, 2024 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please settle immediately.

This the 22nd day of August, 2024.

**David Oliver Mosley**  
101 Sara Dr.  
Nashville, NC 27856  
Administrator  
of above named decedent.

Publication Dates: August 22, 2024; August 29, 2024; September 5, 2024; September 12, 2024

File No. **2024 E 000553**

### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Stevie Blackwell** deceased, late of **Nash County**, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them, duly verified, to the undersigned at 7941 Windsor Dr, Spring Hope, NC 27882 on or before December 5, 2024 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please settle immediately.

This the 5th day of September, 2024.

**Meptista Blackwell Wiggins**  
7941 Windsor Dr  
Spring Hope, NC 27882  
Administrator  
of above named decedent.

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File No. **2023 E 000735**

## EXECUTORS' NOTICE

Having qualified as Co-Executor of the estate of **Rozell Richardson Pettiford** deceased, late of **Nash County**, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them, duly verified, to the undersigned at 2904 Hunter Hill Rd, Rocky Mount, NC 27804 or 30 Burnt Oak Rd, Port Wentworth, GA 31407 on or before December 12, 2024 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please settle immediately.

This the 12th day of September, 2024.

**Sharon Pettiford McKoy**  
2904 Hunter Hill Rd  
Rocky Mount, NC 27804  
Co-Executor  
or  
**Angela Dove**  
30 Burnt Oak Rd  
Port Wentworth, GA 31407  
Co-Executor  
of above named decedent.

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GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE  
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
BEFORE THE CLERK  
FILE NO: 24 E 000528

ESTATE OF: DENNIS M. BAILEY

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE UNDERSIGNED having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of **Dennis M. Bailey**, Deceased, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the said Decedent to present the same to the undersigned on or before **December 5, 2024** said date being at least three months from the date of the first publication or posting of this Notice as indicated below, or the same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate, please make immediate payment.

This Notice is given pursuant to the provisions of G.S. 28A-14-1.

The 29th day of August, 2024.

Robert Ford Bailey

## Estate Notices

10111 Chatman Rd.  
Bailey, NC 27807

Randall Scott Bailey  
10128 Chatman Rd.  
Bailey, NC 27807

## NAME AND ADDRESS OF ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTOR

Leon A. Lucas  
P.O. Box 910  
Kenly, NC 27542

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North Carolina  
Nash County

## Notice to Creditors

The undersigned, Courtney Mills Ervin, having qualified as Administrator CTA of the Estate of **Ryial Constain Mills**, late of **Nash County**, hereby notifies all persons having claims against the said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before November 29, 2024, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 29 day of August, 2024.

**Courtney Mills Ervin,**  
Administrator CTA  
Estate of **Ryial Constain Mills**  
Post Office Box 757  
Nashville, North Carolina 27856

**Mark E. Edwards, Esq.**  
**Fields & Cooper, PLLC**  
P. O. Box 757  
Nashville, NC 27856

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IN THE GENERAL  
COURT OF JUSTICE  
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION  
BEFORE THE CLERK  
24-E-330

## NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The undersigned, Kirkland Bass, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Debra Sjoberg** of **Nash County**, North Carolina, hereby notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the decedent, **Debra Sjoberg**, to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of December, 2024, which said date is three months from the date of the first publication of this notice or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said decedent are requested to make immediate payment.

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This, the 23 day of August, 2024.

Hannah Sjoberg, Administrator  
Estate of **Debra Sjoberg**, Deceased  
PO Box 847  
Nashville, NC 27856

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Bass & Webb, LLP  
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P. O. Box 847  
Nashville, North Carolina 27856  
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File No. **2024 E 000544**

## EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Walter Lee Little, Sr.** deceased, late of **Nash County**, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them, duly verified, to the undersigned at 115 Sherwood Dr., Rocky Mount, NC 27804 on or before December 2, 2024 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please settle immediately.

This the 29th day of August, 2024.

**Doris Draughan Cooper**  
115 Sherwood Dr.  
Rocky Mount, NC 27804  
Executor  
of above named decedent.

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File No. **2024 E 000538**

## NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **William Jasper Brantley** deceased, late of **Nash County**, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them, duly verified, to the undersigned at 11457 Boykin Rd, Bailey, NC 27807 on or before December 12, 2024 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please settle immediately.

This the 12th day of September, 2024.

**Cynthia B. Whitehurst**  
11457 Boykin Rd  
Bailey, NC 27807  
Administrator  
of above named decedent.

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ber 26, 2024; October 3, 2024

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF NASH

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Tempie Brake Fuller**, deceased, late of **Nash County**, North Carolina, does hereby notify all parties having claims of whatsoever nature against the said **Tempie Brake Fuller** deceased, to exhibit the same to the said Executor, c/o **Michael D. Gaynor**, P.O. Box 7100, Rocky Mount, NC 27804-0100, on or before December 5, 2024, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All parties indebted to the said decedent are hereby notified to pay said indebtedness to the undersigned at said address.

This 29th day of August, 2024.

**Christie Fuller Sondergard**  
Executor of the Estate of  
**Tempie Brake Fuller**  
P.O. Box 7100  
Rocky Mount, NC 27804-0100

**Michael D. Gaynor**  
Battle, Winslow, Scott & Wiley, P.A.  
Attorneys for the Estate of  
**Tempie Brake Fuller**  
P.O. Box 7100  
Rocky Mount, NC 27804-0100

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NORTH CAROLINA  
NASH COUNTY

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **Bonnie Long Edwards** deceased, late of **Harris County**, Texas, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned or undersigned attorney on or before the 22nd day of November 2024 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned or undersigned attorney.

This the 22nd day of August 2024.

**Jonathan E. Loo, Attorney**  
PO Box 4307  
Rocky Mount, NC 27803-4307

**George DeVon Edwards,**  
Administrator  
1426 Harvard Street  
Houston, TX 77008

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File No. **24 E 561**  
EXECUTRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Clyde Leroy Lingafeldt** deceased, late of **Nash County**, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them, duly verified, to the undersigned at 1564 Goodman Lake

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Rd, Morganton, NC 28655 on or before December 5, 2024 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please settle immediately.

This the 5th day of September, 2024.

**Barbara Lingafelt Powell**  
1564 Goodman Lake Rd  
Morganton, NC 28655  
Executrix  
of above named decedent.

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File No. **2024 E 000035**

## NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having qualified as Co-Administrator of the estate of **Ozilate Anstead, Ozette Anstead** deceased, late of **Nash County**, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them, duly verified, to the undersigned at 832 Glenco Rd, Durham, NC 27703 or 102 Sara Dr, Nashville, NC 27856 on or before December 2, 2024 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please settle immediately.

This the 29th day of August, 2024.

**Jasper L. Anstead**  
832 Glenco Rd  
Durham, NC 27703  
Co-Administrator  
or  
**Mary A. Wiggins**  
102 Sara Dr  
Nashville, NC 27856  
Co-Administrator  
of above named decedent.

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## NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of **Brian Lavon Battle** deceased, late of **Nash County**, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them, duly verified, to the undersigned at 3170 Volunteer Road, Elm City, NC 27822 on or before December 5, 2024 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please settle immediately.

This the 5th day of September, 2024.

**Chiqueta Battle Grant**  
3170 Volunteer Road  
Elm City, NC 27822  
Administrator  
of above named decedent.

Publication Dates: September 5, 2024;  
September 12, 2024; September 19,  
2024; September 26, 2024

## Estate Notices

## NOTICE

ALL PERSONS, firms, and corporations having claims against **Walter Irvin Tharrington, III**, deceased, of **Nash County**, N.C., are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before December 5th, 2024, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 5th of September, 2024. **Amy Bailey Narron**, Executor of the Estate of **Walter Irvin Tharrington, III**, c/o **Amanda Honea**, Attorney, 1033 Wade Avenue, Suite 104, Raleigh, NC 27605.

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2024; September 26, 2024

## Notice to Creditors

Having qualified as executor of the estate of **Vivian W. Warren**, late of **Nash County**, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 3201 Baynam Pond Drive, Wake Forest, North Carolina 27587 on or before December 19, 2024, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 12th day of September, 2024.

**David A. Williams**  
Executor of Estate of  
**Vivian W. Warren**  
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Wake Forest, NC 27587

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## START, LOOK AND LISTEN

## 4 simple ways to extend the life of your vehicle

Automobiles are significant investments. According to Kelley Blue Book, the average transaction price for light vehicles was \$34,968 in January 2017, marking a 3 percent increase from just a year earlier.

The decision to spend tens of thousands of dollars on a new vehicle is not one consumers should take lightly. Once drivers purchase their new vehicles, they can protect their investments and get greater returns on those investments by prioritizing maintenance and taking simple yet effective steps to extend the lives of their cars and trucks.

## 1. Drive defensively.

Aggressive driving is dangerous and can have adverse effects on a vehicle. When driving, always obey posted speed limits and avoid accelerating and decelerating quickly. Such a style of driving can strain vehicle engines and drive trains while negatively affecting fuel efficiency and wearing down brakes, states the National Institute of Automotive Service Excellence.

## 2. Maintain a clean vehicle.

Car washes do more than just clean a vehicle. Routine washing and waxing can remove dirt that, if left on a vehicle, can gradually scratch paint and contribute to chips and rust. Over time, rust can affect vehicle perfor-



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mance and may even compromise the safety of drivers and their passengers if bad enough frame rust affects structural integrity. Routine washing also can remove road salt from vehicles. Salt can build up during winter when roads are routinely treated during and after snowstorms. Road salt can be extremely corrosive and, if left unremoved from a vehicle, can contribute

to rust that ultimately can cause extensive damage to a vehicle.

## 3. Routinely check tire pressure.

Many of today's new vehicles alert drivers when tire pressure is low. Drivers should not ignore such warnings, as low tire pressure can affect engine performance by forcing it to work harder than should be necessary.

Engines that are forced to work harder than they need to likely won't last as long as those that run efficiently. Low tire pressure also negatively affects fuel efficiency, potentially costing drivers substantial amounts of money over time. Drivers of older vehicles without tire pressure alerts should routinely check tire pressure and keep tires adequately inflated. Vehicles that are slow to accelerate from resting positions may not have enough air in their tires.

## 4. Adhere to maintenance guidelines.

Drivers may have heard that today's vehicles were built to go longer periods of time between oil changes and tuneups than the vehicles of yesteryear. But drivers should still adhere to manufacturer-recommended maintenance guidelines. Upon buying new vehicles, drivers should read their owners' manuals to determine recommended maintenance intervals, and stick to those intervals for as long as they have their vehicles.

Cognizant of the sizable investments they're making when buying new vehicles, many drivers want to get as many miles out of their vehicles as possible. Simple maintenance and safe driving habits can go a long way toward keeping vehicles on the road for years to come.

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