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Business Partner Information on Vehicle Inspection Changes

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Vehicle Inspection Changes

There are two changes coming to inspection stations this fall that will affect your customers. Your assistance in communicating this information will help to ensure continued safety on the roads!

Starting November 1, vehicles passing inspection will get a new sticker with the month the last sticker expired, valid for one year

Starting October 1, vehicle owners will no longer receive a printed inspection report when a vehicle passes inspection

Don't Be Late - Check the Date!

Effective November 1, 2022, motor vehicles passing required inspections will get a new sticker with the month the last sticker expired, valid for one year.

Vehicle inspection stickers:

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- This change does not impact the requirements for newly purchased vehicles. All newly purchased vehicles must be inspected within seven days of the vehicle registration date and will receive a sticker of the month in which it was inspected and is valid for one year.

“Safety of the Commonwealth’s roadways is the most important reason for motor vehicle inspections. Vehicle inspections check tire treads, ensure all light signals are working and even check the front ball joints. It is the law that motor vehicles are inspected every year,” said Registrar of Motor Vehicles Colleen Ogilvie. “Vehicle owners are required to have the inspection done one year from the month the last inspection was done. We are asking all vehicle owners to place safety first and make sure to check your inspection date, and don’t be late.”

“Light-duty cars and trucks are equipped with emission control systems that reduce pollution to protect public health and the environment. It is important that these systems are tested annually to ensure proper emissions controls,” said Commissioner Martin Suuberg of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). “The change being implemented by the RMV will help ensure that all vehicles are inspected every year.”

Driving with an Expired Sticker

The penalty for driving vehicles with an expired sticker, or driving an uninspected vehicle, may result in a moving violation and lead to additional fines, or suspension if unpaid, and even a surchargeable incident which increases the vehicle owner’s insurance costs.

Vehicle Inspection Report

In addition, starting October 1, 2022, in an effort to reduce paper waste in the environment, vehicle owners will no longer receive a printed inspection report when a vehicle passes inspection. Instead, owners can easily access and print a report by going online to [Mass Vehicle Check](#) or using a cell phone and scanning the QR code on the [poster displayed at the inspection site](#). If a vehicle fails the inspection, the owner will be provided with a printed vehicle inspection report by the inspection station.

What the RMV is asking

- Remind your customers to get their vehicles inspected on time
- Inform customers that vehicles passing inspection will no longer be provided a paper report

The [Massachusetts Vehicle Check](#), a joint effort between the MassDEP and the RMV, is the vehicle emissions testing and safety inspection program for the Commonwealth. Vehicle owners can get an inspection at any of the 1,800 licensed inspection stations in Massachusetts.

For more information, please visit: [Vehicle inspections | Mass.gov](#).

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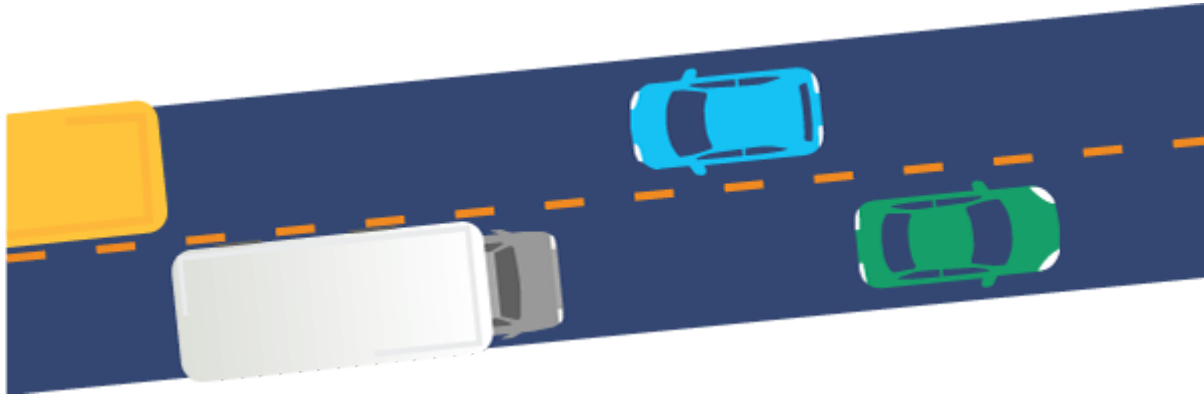
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