

# Community Education – Winter Quarter 2026

**Course Title:** Basic Car Maintenance for Everyone

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## Course Details

Date: Saturday, March 7

Time: 11:00am – 1:00pm

Location: Green Drop Garage, 3800 Main St, Vancouver.

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## Course Description

Learn how to change oil, replace air filters, inspect your vehicle's vital fluids, remove and change a flat, and what it takes to give your car a quick safety inspection before a trip.

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## Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, students will:

- Identify the main components of a vehicle and explain their basic functions
- Perform routine maintenance checks, including oil level, coolant, brake fluid, and windshield washer fluid
- Check and maintain proper tire pressure and recognize signs of tire wear
- Safely change a flat tire and understand proper use of a jack and spare tire
- Jump-start a vehicle correctly and safely
- Understand basic dashboard warning lights and what actions to take when they appear
- Perform simple maintenance tasks such as replacing windshield wipers and air filters
- Recognize when a problem can be handled at home versus when professional service is needed
- Communicate confidently with auto repair professionals and understand common repair terminology
- Practice basic automotive safety and preventative maintenance to extend vehicle life

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## Resources

Recommended references for further study:

## Class Evaluation

- Class evaluations are sent by email.
  - If you don't see it right away, check your **junk/spam folder**.
  - Evaluations are **anonymous** and come directly from Clark College.
  - If you don't receive one, contact:
    - Email: [continuingeducation@clark.edu](mailto:continuingeducation@clark.edu)
    - Phone: 360-992-2939
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- If the college closes due to weather, updates will appear at [www.clark.edu](http://www.clark.edu)
  - Community Education may also cancel classes independently if travel is unsafe.
  - If canceled, you will be notified by both phone and email.
  - Please check that your contact information is correct on the class roster.
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