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UNLEASH YOUR LEASE: 10 TIPS TO GET YOUR VEHICLE READY FOR LEASE TURN-IN

Make Your Car Showroom Perfect to Avoid the Turn-In Service Charge

ST. PAUL, Minn. – You have just one more month on your lease, and already you're worried about the penalties for the exterior and interior damage to your vehicle when you turn it in. And you should be – penalties are rising as car dealers become less lenient about regular vehicle wear and tear.

You can make some smart last minute improvements that will help save you a bundle when you turn in your vehicle – all for less than \$100 and a few hours' worth of elbow grease. The car care experts from 3M offer some simple tips for getting your vehicle looking its best before you say goodbye:

1. Give it a good bath with **3M Car Wash Soap** to remove dirt and grime without removing wax protection.
2. Clean up the headlights with **3M Headlight Lens Restoration System** to remove scratches and yellow hazing that age the car and diminish visibility.
3. Clean the wheels and tires with **3M Wheel and Tire Cleaner** to remove brake dust and highway grime.
4. Restore black plastic bumpers, door handles and tires to brand new finish with **3M Tire Restorer**. Just spray on and wipe off for a deep black luster.
5. Remove surface scratches with **3M Scratch Remover**. This new product quickly removes the scratches from the paint and gradually bring back a high-polish finish. For deeper scratches use **One Step Cleaner Wax**. This easy to apply wax eliminates surface scratches and restores the shine to the paint finish in one easy step.
6. If scratches can't be buffed out, find a paint match at your local automotive retailer and touch up the spots. Use a light hand and feather the edges for a professional look. Fill with clear coat, then lightly sand with a 2000 grit paper and water. Renew the surface with **3M Rubbing Compound** followed by **One Step Cleaner Wax** and **3M Performance Finish**.
7. Give the car a good protective coat of **3M Performance Finish**. This innovative finish, which chemically bonds with clear coat finishes, keeps the car's finish looking good through up to 50 washes. And it is simple to apply with no hazing – just wipe on and wipe off in minutes without any worries for residue left in cracks and crevices.

8. Get the glass clean inside and out with **3M Glass Cleaner**, which has a unique vertical cling to prevent drips and is safe to use on glass, plastic, chrome, metal and painted surfaces.
9. Protect the upholstery with **3M Leather and Vinyl Restorer**, which revives the natural sheen and soft feel of the factory finish.
10. Clean the car's carpet with **3M Carpet Cleaner** and remove dirt with **3M Scotchgard™ Fabric and Upholstery Protector spray**.

"If your vehicle looks clean and well-maintained, you're less likely to be penalized," says Larry Lavigne, 3M's Car Care expert. "With some simple maintenance projects and a few hours, you can make your car look great and reduce your penalties when you turn it in at the end of your lease."

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