



# TAX & TAG TIPS

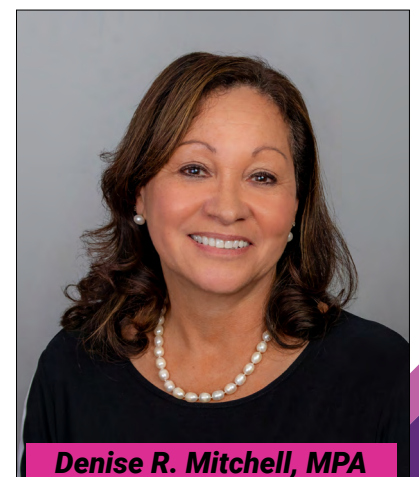
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## Savvy Taxpayer Tip: 5 Reasons to Test Your Vehicle Early

Do you get your vehicle tested four-to-six weeks prior to the registration renewal date? If not, you should! For starters, you cannot renew your registration until the vehicle has passed an emissions test and testing early gives you time to fix any issues that may arise.

**So, here's my tip:** Avoid late fees and an expired registration by testing your vehicle early. Here's why:

- 1. Failing Tests:** If your vehicle fails the inspection, testing early allows plenty of time to get it retested before the registration expires.
- 2. Readiness:** A common reason for emission test failures is because a vehicle is considered "not ready." This happens due to recent repairs or the battery being disconnected. A one-to-two-week drive cycle may be required to allow the vehicle to return to a "ready" state.
- 3. Repairs:** If you receive inadequate or improper repairs, fail your retest, and must return for additional work on your vehicle, testing early provides extra time before your registration expires.
- 4. 30-Day Free Retest:** If the vehicle fails the emissions test, you may be eligible to receive a free retest at your original testing station within 30 days of your original testing date.
- 5. Tickets:** Motorists driving with expired tags may receive tickets from local law enforcement. Test early to avoid this.



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Best regards,



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