



Unless you're new to Florida, you are probably well aware of LOVEBUG season.

When you think of lovebugs, you likely think of them smeared all over a front bumper, grill, and windshield of your car or truck.

As lovebug season is upon us in the Sunshine State, motorists should be aware that those pesky bugs can cause both cosmetic and mechanical damage to a vehicle.

As The News-Press explains, lovebugs can clog radiator fins, which can cause cars to overheat. If not cleaned within a week, the fatty tissue from the insects can eat through a car's finish and leave permanent damage.

Experts suggest cleaning the insects off as soon as possible, even if dozens more will be back on your car the next day. Smashed bugs on the grill and windshield can be a challenge for vehicle owners. It is very important that these nuisances are cleaned off from the vehicles immediately. But why is it important? It is important because the bug's insides are very acidic and when they are smashed onto a vehicle it can cause damage to the paint. The acidity burns through any clear coat sealant the car might have, making the vehicle more susceptible to damage. Bird droppings and tree sap have the same effect.

The longer they remain on the vehicle, the longer they can get baked onto the surface making removal even more difficult and damage more evident.