2019-2025 Toyota RAV4 - Oil Change

2019-2025 Toyota RAV4 | Moderate | 30-45 minutes | $42 DIY

TOOLS

14 mm socket and ratchet (drain plug) Small cap-style or low-profile oil filter wrench (tight filter clearance) 10 mm socket for the splash-guard access door fasteners Drain pan and funnel Engine oil per the owner's manual Shop rags, gloves, wheel chocks, ramps or jack with stands

PARTS

Engine Oil (0W-16) $30.00
Oil filter $12.00
New oil drain plug gasket

STEPS

1. **Prep and confirm the filter style - Warm the engine for five to ten minutes, park on a** level surface, set the parking brake, and chock the wheels. The 2019-2025 RAV4 with the 2.5L A25A-FKS engine went back to a conventional spin-on oil filter - unlike the cartridge used...
2. **Lift the car and open the access panel - The RAV4's ride height helps, but ramps or a** floor jack with rated stands still make the job far more comfortable. The underside is shielded by a plastic splash guard, and Toyota gave this generation a small rectangular access door right...
3. **Drain the oil - Loosen the 14 mm plug with a socket, then finish by hand, pressing inward** so the plug doesn't drop into the hot oil. Wipe the plug clean and inspect the gasket - Toyota uses a crush-type gasket that should be replaced every change.
4. **Remove the old spin-on filter - Move the drain pan under the filter. Lower it carefully** through the access opening, wipe the mounting flange clean, and confirm the old gasket came off with the filter.
5. **Install the new filter - Thread it on by hand until the gasket touches the block, then** about three-quarters of a turn more by hand. Wipe the area dry so any future weep is visible.
6. **Refit the drain plug and refill - Thread the drain plug in by hand with its new gasket to** make sure it starts straight, then tighten with the 14 mm socket to the manual's torque - the aluminum pan threads strip easily.
7. **Check, run, and finish - Seat the filler cap. Wait a minute, then check the dipstick -** wipe, reinsert, read - and adjust until the level sits between the marks. Start the engine, idle a minute, and look underneath for any drip from the filter or plug.

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