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GAS-SAVING TIPS

15 Ways to Save \$\$ at the Pump

1. **SLOW DOWN!** - Posted speed limits are designed for your safety but you can improve your fuel economy, too. It could possibly take 20% more gas to drive at 85 mph than 65mph.
2. **TIRED?** - Under-inflated tires are one of the common culprits to low MPG. When your tires are low, they have more rolling resistance which causes you to burn more gas to keep moving.
3. **FILTERED ACCESS** - A dirty air filter will likely restrict the airflow into the engine which impedes your vehicle's performance. Clogged filters can result in a 10% increase in fuel consumption.
4. **STEADY CLIMB** - Quick accelerations are a classic fuel waster. You'll not really gaining any good by racing to get on the freeway or catch up with the car in front. Resist that urge to get from 0 to 65 in 2 seconds. That impresses you on the advertisement, but it won't at the pump.
5. **ENJOY THE BREEZE!** - Weather-permitting when driving around town, turn off the A/C and roll down those windows to catch a nice breeze and save some fuel. But highway driving with the windows down will likely cause more wind resistance, so use the A/C on long trips. When possible, park your car inside the garage or under a tree for shade (or use a sunshade) and cut down on the need for immediate A/C.
6. **AMERICAN IDLE** - Our growing population, trying to live and work in congested cities, often leads to alot of idle time at the bank and in the drive-thru. When possible, shut off the engine, go inside and save some fuel (and likely you'll get your transaction completed before the drive-thru anyway.)
7. **TUNED UP** - Keep up with your regularly scheduled maintenance. A vehicle that is not properly tuned can use more than 25% in fuel. Get your calendar out and schedule a tune-up now!
8. **CHANGE YOUR OIL** - While changing your oil every 3,000 miles will help keep your engine clean, you may not know that it can also help improve your gas mileage. When getting your oil changed, make sure that you always choose the recommended grade of motor oil for your specific vehicle (you can find this information in your owner's manual). You can improve your gas mileage by 1-2 % by using the manufacturer's recommended grade of motor oil.



9. **SHED THE WEIGHT** - Pickup trucks carrying heavy equipment (or if you haul supplies, books or other weighty material in your trunk), you are running sluggish. Often we just keep that stuff in our vehicle out of habit or we're too lazy to want to bother moving it in and out of the house. Lighten your car load and you'll save a few bucks at the pump over the year.
10. **STRAIGHTEN UP!** - Often one of the most overlooked areas of maintenance, your alignment not only helps on the longevity of your tires, but provides you better MPG. When was the last time you had your alignment checked anyway? (that's probably too long!)
11. **SLEEP IN** - If you have the option of a flex schedule for your work, negotiate with your employer to come into work an hour later (but don't forget to stay an hour longer) to save sitting idly in long hours of traffic. Or better yet, see if you can arrive early to beat the traffic (same on the way home) and you might be impressing your boss because you're always the first one in!
12. **HOMEWORK** - More and more (especially with so much work being done online), negotiate to work one or two days from home. You'll cut down hundreds of dollars in gas over the year!
13. **DOWNSIZE** - Again, American habits often have us driving pickup trucks and SUVs in hours of traffic everyday. When it's possible, trade with your spouse and drive to work the vehicle that will save you money at the gas station. Save the SUV and pickup for hauling the team to soccer or baseball, but when you are making DAILY trips an hour from your house, think efficiency. Some people need to simply trade in that gas-guzzling car for something more fuel-efficient.
14. **FUEL CHOICE** - Not every vehicle needs premium fuels. Check your owner's manual to see if your car will be fine with regular. Several cents each fill-up will add-up over time!
15. **DON'T DRIVE!** - Not always practical, but sometimes walking or biking to your destination will offer your body some exercise as well as reserving that fuel for when you really need it. Americans often try to get life done the quickest way possible and will often drive 2 minutes to the convenience store for milk and bread (just remember to think "I'm using fuel for this quick run"). Also carpooling is always an option to conserve fuel and put more money in your pocket!

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