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Great Ways to Reduce Your Fuel Costs



1. Use the right Grade of Gasoline/Don't Top Off: Most cars run fine on regular. Check your vehicle owner's manual to find out what's right for your car.

Don't "top off" at the pump and make sure your fuel cap is on tight.



2. Use Carpooling, Public Transport & Non-Motorized Options:

Ride the bus, tri-rail, carpool, bicycle, or walk instead of driving alone. Sharing a ride to work

with a friend effectively doubles your fuel economy for the trip and allows you to use the carpooling lane.



3. Don't Drive Aggressively & Drive at the Speed Limit:

Avoid aggressive driving and aggressive starts. Gas mileage decreases rapidly at speeds above

60 mph. Each 5 mph you drive over 60 mph is like paying an additional \$0.10 per gallon of gas.



4. Reduce Air conditioner Use/Close Windows:

Using the air conditioner increases fuel cost about 13 percent. If it is cool enough, use the flow-through ventilation instead of rolling down the windows.



5. Eliminate Extra Wind Resistance and Weight:

Using a loaded roof rack increases fuel consumption. Carry the load inside

your vehicle if you can. Removing unnecessary weight is better still.



6. Minimize Vehicle Idling:

Today's vehicles are designed to warm up fast.

Avoid idling when you can,

idling is zero miles per gallon. This includes waiting at drive thru lanes and waiting for kids at schools.



7. Maintain Vehicle Efficiency:

Regular maintenance as prescribed by the vehicle owner's manual will help your vehicle achieve its best fuel economy. Some

overlooked maintenance items, such as a dirty air filter and under inflated tires, can increase your fuel cost up to 13 percent.



8. Drive or Purchase a Fuel Efficient Vehicle:

Drive your most fuel-efficient vehicle whenever possible. When purchasing, consider the most fuel efficient vehicles available. The next best option is to purchase the most

fuel efficient vehicle within the class of vehicles you are considering. Research the fuel efficiency of various vehicles before purchasing!