

# Gasoline Saving Tips Too Help Extend Every Dollar Spent At The Pump



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- Before getting into your car, ask yourself "Is this trip necessary?"!
- Consider car-pooling and share the gas bill and ride.
- Always use the shortest route and avoid sightseeing trips and bottlenecks.
- Organize activities and perform as many errands as possible in one trip.

- On short trips, try walking or bicycling. It's good exercise.
- When bargain hunting, check newspaper ads and use your telephone.
- Do they deliver? Let them pay for the gas! Try mail order firms, too.
- Make a list and do all the grocery shopping once or twice a week.
- Let the kids run some of the errands. Let them walk to school, too.
- Public transportation may be cheaper, especially when traveling alone.
- Pack as little in your car as necessary so it has less weight to carry.
- Shop around for service stations with the lowest gasoline prices. (HINT – check out [www.thesaveonfuelsite.com](http://www.thesaveonfuelsite.com))
- Check to see if there are "self service" gas stations in your area.



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- Don't speed. Cars get about 21% more mileage at 55 mph than at 70 mph.
- Better planning reduces the need for speeding, to get there in time.
- When starting your car, don't idle it for more than 30 seconds, even in cold weather. Today's cars are designed to be driven almost immediately.
- If possible, avoid driving during rush-hour & other peak traffic periods.
- If you must stop for more than 30 seconds, don't idle your car. The engine is more fuel efficient if you turn it off and restart it.
- Drive evenly with a steady foot. Avoid jiggling the accelerator.
- Keep tires properly inflated at all times. (Check pressure when cold).
- Use air conditioning only when necessary. Try opening the window.
- Avoid "jackrabbit" starts. When starting, press accelerator slowly.



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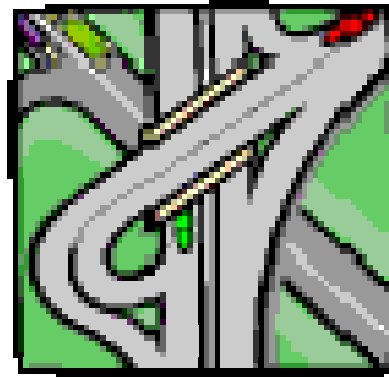
- Avoid panic stops. When possible, coast to stops such as traffic lights.
- Don't forget to release the emergency brake before pulling away.
- Never rev engine before killing it. This wastes gas, wears out cylinders.
- Keep tuned to radio traffic reports & avoid traffic jams, other delays.
- Make certain your gas cap fits properly.
- Remove items that cause wind resistance, such as luggage racks.
- Use the lowest octane gas that won't make your engine knock.
- Keep your car properly tuned for top fuel efficiency.
- Use only your right foot for accelerating and braking. That way you can't accidentally ride the brake and use excessive gas.
- Shift into high gear as soon as possible. If you have automatic transmission, lift your foot from the accelerator about one second early.



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- Pass other cars as soon as you see you are overtaking them. Don't wait.
- Keep brakes properly adjusted. Dragging brakes increases resistance.
- Operate as small a car as possible for your driving needs. (Small cars weighing half as much as large cars use about half as much gasoline!)
- Avoid cars with gas-consuming options such as air conditioning; power equipment such as window, door locks, etc.; automatic transmission, etc.
- In hot climates, drive a car with light colored exterior and interior, to reflect light, heat. Tinted glass also prevents heat buildup.
- Use radial tires for less friction between tire and road.
- When driving, keep your eyes moving and your feet still!
- Keep your steering wheel still too. The more you weave back and forth, the farther your car has to travel and the more gas is consumed.
- Don't overfill your gas tank. It could leak or spill in heat or on a hill.



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- Use snow tires and/or chains as little as necessary because they make your car work harder and use more gasoline.
- Record all gas purchases for tax deduction purposes.
- When you see a hill ahead, build up speed before you reach it, then maintain your speed on the slope. (If you must accelerate on the hill, you will use much more fuel). Then coast down the other side.
- Keep wheels aligned for better mileage. Longer tire life, too.



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