

Gas Saving Tips – Do You Know How to Save Gas Money the Easy Way?

Okay, you may have noticed that gas prices have skyrocketed recently. No kidding, huh? But what's a person to do? You can take several simple steps on your own to save on fuel consumption, which in turn puts more money back into your wallet. This article will show you some of these easy-to-do gas saving tips.

Gas Saving Tip #1 - Stop it with the “Lead Foot” driving!

There I said it, the most important do-it-yourself tip you can perform is to stop driving like you are trying out to be a NASCAR racer. We all at one time or another get impatient or run late for an appointment and we feel the “need for speed” to make up for time lost.

But it's that hurry-hurry aggressive driving style that costs you the most money. You can save up to 23% by observing the speed limit. Lead in the foot takes gold out of your pocket as much as \$.26 to \$.86 cents a gallon.

Gas Saving Tip #2 – Take Out those Golf Clubs...

And remove those leftover can drinks the picnic and put the kid's school stuff in their rooms not your vehicle. Extra weight in your car can cost you money. So take out all that fishing tackle gear, and family sporting equipment from out of the trunk, from off the floorboards or from rolling round in the truck bed. And do you really need to keep a complete toolbox in there?

Excess “junk” no matter how “necessary” it may seem weighs down your car. Just an extra hundred pounds can reduce your MPG by up to 2%. Or in other words, all that extra “stuff” in your trunk can cost you everywhere up to \$.07 cents out of every gallon. So, dump the junk.

Gas Saving Tip #3 – Turn off the Car

Yes, I know you wish you could right? But what I mean stop wasting gas doing excessive idling, cars have zero gas savings when sitting idle. Turn off your ignition when you are waiting in line at the bank, wrestling with kids at the drive through for fast food or while waiting for that long train crossing. Even if you pull over to make an urgent cell call, turn off your engine. Every little drop helps.

Gas Saving Tip #4 – Check That Air Filters

A dirty air filter is a dirty gas thief. A clogged or filthy air filter can cost you up to 10% of lost fuel economy. The air filter is one of simplest and most affordable “parts” to replace on your car and it's the most overlooked.

Not only will a dirty air filter increase gas consumption but it will also decrease your car's performance and shorten your engine life. To check an air filter, locate the filter housing, open it and hold the filter up to a light source. If you can't see through it, go ahead and change it. A clean filter has gas savings up to \$.37 cents a gallon.

To recap...

- Stop driving aggressively and keep to the speed limit
- Remove extra weight from your vehicle
- Stop excessive idling
- Change out Air Filters when clogged

I invite you to try out the quick and easy gas saving tips to put money back into your pocket.