

## 10 Fuel Saving Tips

As the price of gasoline continues to climb above that \$3 per gallon range, taking a few moments to ensure your vehicle is running at its peak performance, may keep you from running out...of money and gas.

The chart below provides you with 10 fuel saving tips that will ensure that you get the maximum mileage per gallon. Some items may require changing a filter, while others may just have you modify one of your existing driving habits. Either way, when paying \$3 per gallon, a few changes can provide huge savings down the road—and you'll have enough to enjoy an extra latte on that drive too.

<b>1</b>	<b>Avoid High Speeds</b>	As your speed increases, your aerodynamic drag increases in an exponential fashion. Driving 62 mph (100 km/h) vs 75 mph (120 km/h) will reduce fuel consumption by about 15%.
<b>2</b>	<b>Do Not Accelerate or Brake Hard</b>	By anticipating the traffic and applying slow steady acceleration and braking, fuel economy may increase by as much as 20%.
<b>3</b>	<b>Keep Tires Properly Inflated</b>	Keep tire air pressure at the level recommended by your vehicle manufacturer. A single tire under inflated by 2 PSI, increases fuel consumption by 1%.
<b>4</b>	<b>Use A/C Sparingly</b>	When the air conditioner is on it puts extra load on the engine forcing more fuel to be used (by about 20%). The defrost position on most vehicles also uses the air conditioner.
<b>5</b>	<b>Keep Windows Closed</b>	Windows open, especially at highway speeds, increase drag and result in decreased fuel economy of up to 10%.
<b>6</b>	<b>Service Vehicle Regularly</b>	Proper maintenance avoids poor fuel economy related to dirty air filters, old spark plugs or low fluid levels.
<b>7</b>	<b>Use Cruise Control</b>	Maintaining a constant speed over long distances often saves gas.
<b>8</b>	<b>Avoid Heavy Loads</b>	Remove the sand bags from your trunk in the spring and pack lightly for long trips.
<b>9</b>	<b>Avoid Long Idles</b>	If you anticipate being stopped for more than 1 minute, shut off the car. Restarting the car uses less fuel than letting it idle for this time.
<b>10</b>	<b>Purchase a Fuel Efficient Vehicle</b>	When buying a new vehicle examine the vehicle's rated fuel efficiency. Usually choosing a small vehicle with a manual transmission will provide you with great fuel economy.