

# Fuel Saving Tips

*A vehicle's fuel economy can vary significantly due to several factors, including how the vehicle is driven, the vehicle's mechanical condition, and the environment in which it is driven. Fortunately, you may be able to improve your vehicle's gas mileage through proper maintenance and driving habits.*

*Studies suggest the average driver can improve his/her fuel economy by roughly 10%. Here are a few simple tips to help you get the best possible fuel economy from your vehicle and reduce your fuel costs.*



## Avoid Idling

Do you wonder how to increase fuel economy without putting in any special effort? Well, avoid idling! There is a wide misconception that idling is better than turning your car off and then on. In reality, idling wastes your gas and should be avoided.



## Close Your Windows

Air resistance directly impacts the amount of gas your car spends. When you drive at high speeds with the windows open, the vehicle loses its aerodynamics. So, it needs more power to achieve the desired speed.



## Inflate Your Tires & Conduct Regular Maintenance

One of the best gas saver tips is to have your car tires inflated at the right pressure, always. This is useful for saving money on gas, but also, it's better for the tires and safer for you. Routine maintenance, among other things, includes oil change, filter replacement, and tune-ups and will increase your vehicle's fuel efficiency by at least 5% in most cases.



## Turn Cruise Control On

Cruise control is the best way to save gas while driving on the highway. Steady speed is the key to obtaining optimal mileage. Cruise control devices achieve this by automatically regulating your speed.



## Avoid Overusing The AC

Using the AC carefully is among the best gas saving tips. After all, your air conditioning unit uses power directly from the motor of the car. Meaning, the vehicle spends additional fuel to power the unit. The AC in the car decreases fuel efficiency by almost 3 miles per gallon. However, this varies based on the size of the vehicle and the year of production.



## Drive Slower

Most of the cars spend more fuel when the speed of driving is 60 mph or more. Driving slower has a positive impact on gas mileage, and it's also safer for you. The speed at which the vehicle is most economical depends on the model of the car. Still, regardless of the model, driving it at speed above 60mph is not efficient.



## Accelerate Moderately and Keep an Eye on the RPMs

Driving slowly and accelerating moderately is another classic strategy on how to save gas in your car. This is not only a way to save money on gas, but it's also a tip on safe driving. Quick acceleration is inefficient when it comes to fuel consumption because it requires more power. Avoid "revving" the engine unnecessarily.



## Unload Your Car

This is simple physics. The heavier a vehicle is, the more power it needs to move. Any heavy load will negatively impact your mileage. The easiest way to deal with this issue is to clean up your car and remove any unnecessary heavy items. If you're not using it frequently, take it out.



## Avoid Tailgating & Excessive Braking

These habits not only lower your gas mileage, but they are also bad for your brakes. Extreme braking leads to tires wearing out faster too. And tailgating is terrible for gasoline efficiency.



## Fill Up Either Early In The Mornings Or Late At Night

This is a well-kept secret any driver should know! Gas is cooler and, therefore, denser at low temperatures. Meaning, when you top up the tank when it's colder outside, you get more gasoline for the same amount of cash. To ensure the fuel is as cold as possible, visit gas stations either early in the morning or late at night. And use gas saving apps that give useful information saving you both fuel and time.

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