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Top 10 Gas Saving Tips

Whether you drive a two-seat hybrid or a three-ton SUV, chances are you can squeeze a bit more distance out of each gallon of fuel -- and at today's gas prices, an improvement of just one or two miles per gallon (MPG) can really add up.

These **TEN GAS SAVINGS TIPS** can help you improve your car's fuel economy and take some of the sting out of high gas prices. Most of these tips will give you a very slight increase in MPG -- but use several together and the gas mileage improvements will really add up!

1. **Slow Down**

One of the best ways to save gas is simply reduce your speed. As speed increases, fuel economy decreases exponentially. If you drive 10 miles over the speed limit, try reducing for a few days and see the difference.

2. **Check Your Tire Pressure**

Under-inflated tires are one of the most commonly ignored causes of low MPG. Tires lose air over time and temperature.

3. **Check Your Air Filter**

A dirty air filter restricts the flow of air into the engine, which harms performance and economy. They are easy to check and change.

4. **Accelerate with Care**

Jack-rabbit starts are fuel-wasters, but that doesn't mean you should crawl. If you drive an automatic, accelerate moderately. Stick shifters should shift early to keep the revs down but don't lug the engine, downshift if you need to accelerate.

5. Hang with the Trucks

Ever notice cars speed up and slow down but trucks roll along at the same speed. A constant speed keeps shifting to a minimum and aids in economy. It takes more fuel to get a vehicle moving than to keep it moving.

6. Get Back to Nature

Consider turning off the A/C and opening the windows. But at higher speeds, the A/C may be more efficient since wind resistance from open windows or sun roof can use more fuel.

7. Back off the Bling

New wheels and tires may look cool but if they are wider than stock tires, chances are they will create more rolling resistance and decrease fuel economy.

8. Clear Out Your Car

Incredibly, sometimes we carry 40 to 50 pounds of unnecessary stuff in our cars reducing our fuel economy.

9. Downsize

Smaller cars are inherently more fuel efficient, and today's cars are roomier than ever. Auto makers are designing them with side-curtain airbags and electronic stability control for better safety.

10. Don't Drive

Not the most popular idea, but the fact is, avoid driving, save gas. Take the train, carpool or consolidate your driving. Do as many errands as possible in one trip. Walking or biking are also good for your wallet and health.

11. Let Your Realtor Drive

In today's economy, your Realtor doesn't mind driving. It's a better way to talk about each home you see, your likes and dislikes immediately.

We hope this information has been helpful to you. By the way, if you know of someone who would appreciate our services, please call or e-mail us with their name and number and we will be happy to help them. Or, please feel free to give them our names and phone numbers or e-mail, and they can contact us. Serving Moorpark, Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley, Newbury Park, Camarillo and parts of the San Fernando Valley.

Warmest Regards,

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