

# Fuel saving tips

## Did you know?

Carpooling is the smart way of saving on fuel costs. You might be in careers where carpooling is not an option, but if it is possible, go for it. You'll save petrol and that trip to work might be more relaxed and far less boring.

## Did you know?

Driving too close to the person in front of you is called "Tailgating" and causes accidents. Keep at least a two car following distance. This way you can avoid sudden braking and acceleration which adversely affect your vehicles fuels consumption rates. Giving other drivers 'space' also avoids potential for road rage incidents.

## Did you know?

It is essential to have routine maintenance and service of your vehicle. Low oil levels, dirty air cleaners, worn spark plugs, and batteries can definitely affect fuel consumption. In the long run you will save more money through regular maintenance and service of your vehicle.

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The faster you drive the more fuel you will consume, especially if you are braking suddenly, or accelerating quickly. Make sure you drive at safe and moderate speeds in urban and suburban areas. Save the fast driving for highway travel – within the speed limit!

## Did you know?

The tyre pressure affects your vehicles fuel efficiency. Under-inflated tyres have a negative impact on the fuel economy of your vehicle. This is because when tyres are under-inflated the vehicle requires more power to pull away and accelerate on the road.

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There are a lot of gas guzzlers sitting on showroom floors. If you want fuel economy, the best is to go for a smaller lighter car. While that V8 with all the trimmings might seem like the car for you, your petrol bill might leave you suicidal. Go for that little 1300 and you could save a substantial amount of money.

## Did you know?

Walking saves money and is good for your health. We are becoming far too lazy these days. Instead of taking a nice brisk walk down to the local shop, we are too inclined to hop into the car and drive. While these short trips might seem like they're not hurting our wallets, in the long run, we are paying dearly for our laziness. Walking not only saves you valuable fuel money, but you'll be getting fitter in the process. It's a win-win situation. Depending on the safety levels of your neighbourhood – take the appropriate safety measures to ensure you don't become a crime statistic.

## Did you know?

Your car consumes more fuel when Air conditioner is on than when it's off. Yes, the weather can be unbearably hot in summer, but before you crank up that air conditioner why not roll down the window a bit first? You never know, it might make that slight difference you are looking for. Believe it or not, your air conditioner could be the reason you're living off dry bread and water for that last week of the month.

## Did you know?

Motorbikes are fuel efficient and may save your fuel compared to cars. Motorcycles are incredibly light on petrol, they're fast, and they can wind through those traffic jams in a jiffy. Just make sure you purchase decent safety equipment like a heavy jacket, shoes, and helmet (pay as much as you can afford for a helmet, after all it is protecting something very valuable). Be aware of the dangers of riding among cars which are bigger, and faster!

## Did you know?

You may save fuel by avoiding Traffic Jams. For some of us, traffic jams are something we've had to learn to live with. However, if you do have a choice, try and find alternative routes that are less congested. Sitting in traffic jams can definitely suck away your precious car juice very quickly. Keep your radio tuned in to those traffic reports and try and avoid congestion as much as possible. Does your employer offer alternative working hours – why not opt for off-peak hours?

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