

DRIVING TIPS • AND • VEHICLE MAINTENANCE



• DRIVING TIPS •



DON'T OVERLOAD YOUR VEHICLE

- Avoid keeping heavy items in your car. Extra weight in your vehicle could increase your gas costs.
- Placing cargo on roof racks can decrease fuel efficiency. When possible, reduce drag by placing items inside the car or trunk rather than on the roof rack.



WATCH YOUR SPEED

- Use cruise control on the highway for better gas mileage
- Avoid aggressive driving, such as speeding, rapid acceleration and hard braking



USE THE AIR CONDITIONING AT THE RIGHT TIME

- If you're traveling faster than 35 mph, turn on your A/C rather than using your windows to reduce drag and improve fuel economy.



PLAN YOUR TRIPS

- Plan your errands and route. Use the most efficient way to get to your destination; make your first stop the furthest away so you're not backtracking. Both can help save gas.
- Commuting during non-peak rush hours or telecommuting, if your employer permits it, can save gas
- Drive your most fuel-efficient vehicle
- Take advantage of carpools and ride-share programs
- Consider using public transit

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SERVICE YOUR ENGINE

- Follow your manufacturer's vehicle maintenance schedule
- Fix a serious maintenance problem as soon as possible
- Use the recommended grade of motor oil and fuel.



INSPECT YOUR TIRES

- Keep your tires inflated to the recommended pressure. Consider buying low-rolling resistance tires, which have different material and tread properties that improve fuel economy.
- On newer vehicles, watch for the Tire Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS) warning which will notify you when your tire pressure is low. You can learn more about TPMS in your vehicle owner's information.



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