

Smart Gas-Saving Tips

We've all certainly felt the effects of high fuel costs this year. The summer driving season is in full swing. The following are some smart gas-saving tips to ease the shock at the pump this season.

- **Avoid Excessive Idling:** You get zero miles per gallon when idling. Go inside to do your banking or order your food if the drive-thru lines are long.
- **Avoid Fast Starts:** Rapid acceleration and braking waste gas. It can lower your gas mileage by up to 30% or more.
- **Observe the Speed Limit:** Fast driving lowers fuel economy dramatically. You can figure roughly that every 5 MPH over 60 MPH costs you an additional 20 cents per gallon.
- **Keep Your Engine Tuned:** An engine that is not tuned properly can waste as much as 40% of your gas.
- **Use the Correct Grade of Fuel:** Many people think that they need Premium when Regular will do just fine. Read the owners manual and use the recommended fuel.
- **Check and Replace Filters:** A clogged air filter can cause damage to your engine, as well as decrease gas mileage by up to 10% - that's like paying an extra \$.30 a gallon*.
- **Cut Wind Resistance:** Flying a flag from the antenna, having a roof rack/carrier, or driving a pick-up truck with the tailgate down can reduce mileage by up to 30 percent.
- **Tires:** Check the air pressure often – low air pressure can reduce mileage. Keep your tires rotated and aligned - misaligned tires can cause drag.

Source: www.smart-gas-saving-tips.com. *Savings are based on \$3.00 per gallon of gas.