



Energy-Efficient Driving and Maintenance Tips

Choose a more energy-efficient vehicle. Selecting the right vehicle is the most important fuel economy decision you'll make. Over 5 years, the fuel cost difference between a 20 MPG vehicle and a 30 MPG vehicle is \$2,500 (assuming 15,000 miles per year a fuel cost of \$2 per gallon). You can use www.fueleconomy.gov to find the most energy-efficient vehicle that still suits your needs.

Drive more efficiently. Aggressive driving behavior such as speeding and rapid acceleration and braking wastes gas. In fact, it can lower your MPG by 33% at highway speeds and 5% around town. Obey the speed limit, avoid excessive idling, and use cruise control and overdrive gears when possible.

Keep your car in shape. Keeping your engine properly tuned, checking and replacing your air filters regularly, keeping your tires properly inflated, and using the recommended grade of motor oil for your vehicle will all improve your MPG.

Plan and combine trips. Planning and combining trips saves you time and money. Several short trips taken from a cold start can use twice as much fuel as a longer multi-purpose trip covering the same distance when the engine is warm. If you own more than one vehicle, drive the one that gets the highest MPG whenever possible.