

8 SIMPLE STEPS TO LOWER YOUR FUEL COSTS

1 MAINTAIN AND REPAIR YOUR VEHICLE

Regularly change lubricants and filters and replace worn components, i.e., spark plugs. Some vehicle repairs, such as replacing faulty oxygen sensors, may significantly improve fuel economy.

5 USE OVERDRIVE GEARS AND CRUISE CONTROL

Overdrive gears slow engine speeds, saving fuel and reducing wear. Cruise control helps maintain a constant speed, reducing fuel consumption. Use when safe and appropriate.

2 USE THE RECOMMENDED GRADE OF MOTOR OIL AND FUEL

To maximize fuel economy, use the motor oil and fuel recommended in your owner's manual.

6 AVOID QUICK STARTS AND AGGRESSIVE DRIVING

You'll save fuel and avoid unnecessary wear and tear.

3 PROPERLY INFLATE TIRES

Check tire air pressure monthly and before long trips as proper inflation increases fuel economy up to 6%.

7 CLEAN OUT YOUR VEHICLE

Unnecessary weight lowers fuel economy.

4 SLOW DOWN

Fuel economy decreases about 1% for each mph over 55, i.e., driving 65 mph vs. 75 mph increases fuel economy about 10%.

8 AVOID RUSH HOUR AND COMBINE TRIPS

Stop-and-go driving burns more fuel, as does each time you start up a cold engine.

NOTE: The EPA fuel economy estimates posted on new vehicles and in the EPA/DOE Fuel Economy Guide are designed to allow consumers to comparison shop. Your actual fuel economy probably will vary from these estimates due to driving and vehicle maintenance habits, the use of air conditioning and other accessories, weather, road conditions, and other factors. For more info on fuel economy, go to fuelconomy.gov or epa.gov/fuel_economy.

