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Tips to Save Money as Gas Prices Rise

As gas prices continue to soar, AAA and other agencies are offering recommendations that can contribute to savings at the pump and ease the financial strain of higher gas prices.

Here are a few tips:



Drive the speed limit

On the highway, aerodynamic drag causes fuel economy to drop off significantly as speeds increase above 50 mph.

Reduce trips and lighten your load

Limit the amount of cargo in your car and combine errands into a couple of trips. Also, consider using the more fuel-efficient car in your household often.



Avoid “jackrabbit” starts and hard acceleration

These actions increase fuel consumption. Accelerate smoothly with light to moderate throttle. This allows the automatic transmission to upshift into higher gears sooner, reducing engine rpm and saving fuel.

Take advantage of cruise control

Using a constant speed can save fuel. Keep in mind, you should never use cruise control on wet roads because a loss of vehicle control could result.



Keep tires properly inflated

Underinflation reduces fuel economy and can be dangerous too.

Avoid extended idling to warm up the engine

Even during the winter, warming up an engine is not necessary and wastes gas.



Maintain your car

Keep up with regular maintenance. This will ensure optimum fuel economy, performance, and longevity.

Getting gas and gas apps

Shop around for the best prices on gas. There are apps that can help you locate the best price for gas in the area. And, when filling up, the cheapest time of the week is earlier in the week, and the most expensive, the weekend.

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