

SAVE ENERGY ON THE ROAD

Current high gas prices are giving people even more incentive to increase fuel efficiency. Plus, following these tips will also help reduce smog and emissions that contribute to global warming:

1. Change your air filter

Cleaning your air filter regularly can improve your gas mileage significantly.

2. Don't speed

Being a good driver can save you some dollars at the pump. Speeding uses extra gas. Rapid acceleration and hard braking are also inefficient and lower your gas mileage.

3. Turn your car off

Idling can use a lot of gas. Generally, it's more efficient to turn the car off and restart when you are ready to go. If you are thinking of hitting the drive-through, consider parking and picking up food inside. For short waits, put your car in neutral to avoid burning gas.

OTHER TIPS



SHADE!

By planting trees, you can reduce home cooling costs by as much as 50 percent and grow yourself a little shade for a warm summer day.

BAG THE HABIT.

Globally, we use as many as 1 million new plastic bags every MINUTE. Go reusable whenever, wherever.



Save Energy

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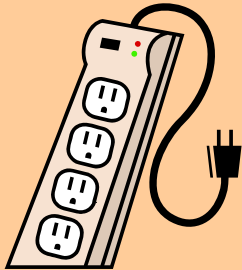
SAVE ELECTRICITY

1. Lights out

Turn off lights when you are not using them. *An estimated 900,000 tons of greenhouse gases are spent annually on lighting alone.*

2. Turn 'em Off

Your PC, TV, VCR, CD or DVD player, chargers for cell phones and batteries and other small appliances use electrical energy. Plug them into a power strip and then turn it off when they are not in use. *TVs and VCRs alone waste \$1 billion in lost electricity in the U.S. annually.*



3. Dryer Details

Don't let the dryer keep running when clothes are already dry. Try a solar dryer—the clothesline!

4. Respect the Fridge

Clean the coils on your refrigerator using a tapered appliance brush. Your fridge's motor won't have to run as long or as often. In addition to saving energy dollars, you'll prolong the life of the appliance.

5. Bright Idea

Replace just 1 incandescent bulb with a Compact Fluorescent (CFL); will **save about \$30 or more** in electricity costs over the life of each bulb.



6. Turn Down the Heat

Set your thermostat to the lowest temperature that still keeps you comfortable—some recommend 68°F by day and a cool 58°F by night. *A 10°F decrease can cut your heating bill by as much as 20 percent.*

7. Keep Your Cool

Keep your air conditioner's thermostat set to 78°F to stay comfortable and use less energy. *For every degree you raise the thermostat setting, you can expect to cut your cooling costs by at least 3 percent.*

EVERY DROP COUNTS

20 Gallon Challenge

Do your part to save 20 gallons of water per person, each day.

Shorter Showers

It takes energy to heat water, so you can save energy and water by taking shorter showers or half-full baths. *Approximately 2.5 gallons of water is used each minute.*

Wash Clothes Wisely

Make sure your clothes are really dirty before putting them into the hamper. *About 90 percent of the energy used by a washing machine goes into heating water. Approximately 20 to 50 gallons of water is used per load.*

Fix the Leaks

Toilets can leak 30 to 50 gallons per day. Faucets can leak 15 to 20 gallons per day.

