

How to **Save Money** on Gas



We've all felt the pinch at the gas pump over the past year. On average gas has gone up 58% since this time last year. In 2020, the demand for gas dropped immensely due to COVID-19 shut-downs. According to pewresearch.org, the estimated consumption of gasoline per driver was 534 gallons in 2020, down from 624 gallons in 2019. Now, as we are on our journey back to normal, our gas consumption has increased accordingly and with the demand for gas rising, so are the prices.

Gasoline can be a large part of our budget, especially for those who rely on their vehicles to make a living. So, how can you save money on gas? There are several things you can do to help. They may seem small, but the small savings can add up over time.

Download a gas app

Gas apps can help you find the best price on gas in your location. This is also helpful if you are traveling in unfamiliar territory. The app allows you to enter your location, or use your phone's GPS tracking to automatically find your location and then it populates all the local gas stations with current pricing.

Check the price

Do you know how much you're currently paying at the pump? If you are a creature of habit and consistently go to the same gas station for convenience, you may be paying more than you need. Traveling to the station down the road for less expensive gas may add up to big savings.

Buy regular

Most vehicles these days are made to run on regular gas. Only buy premium if you need to. Those extra cents can quickly add up. You should always consult your dealership or owner's-manual to determine if your car requires premium fuel.

Clean up your driving habits

Fueleconomy.com reports that driving the speed limit can help you save 7-14% on your fuel costs. You can also increase fuel efficiency by avoiding aggressive driving, reducing cargo weight and avoiding roof cargo that reduces the aerodynamics of your vehicle. Creating speed consistency by using your cruise control when you are able also helps reduce fuel inefficiencies. Keep in mind it's never safe to use your cruise control in rainy or icy conditions.

Keeping your car well-maintained

Have your oil changed when needed, your tires properly inflated and all other regular maintenance items on schedule and your car will last longer and your fuel mileage will stay in check.

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