

# BUDGET STRETCHING IDEAS

## Better Gas Mileage

(NAPSA)—Better driving habits can help you get the most out of each gallon of gasoline. With gasoline around \$4 per gallon, getting 20 percent better mileage is like getting a discount of 80 cents a gallon, or saving \$12 on each 15-gallon tank.

Here are a few tips from the nonprofit National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE):

**Chill Out.** Aggressive driving can waste one-third of your fuel dollar in highway driving.

Simple speeding can cost you 7 to 23 percent of your fuel dollar.

**Use the Cruise.** Cruise control helps improve your mileage by keeping your speed steady on highways.

**Clean Your Ride.** Every extra hundred pounds of cargo can cost you 1 percent of mileage.

**Pack Light.** If going on an auto vacation, pack as lightly as possible and avoid using a rooftop cargo holder because of the increased air drag.

**Avoid Idling.** Reconsider use of drive-up windows at banks and fast-food restaurants. If waiting for friends, shut off the engine.

ASE was founded to improve the quality of automotive service and repair through the voluntary testing and certification of automotive technicians. ASE-certified technicians wear blue and white ASE shoulder insignia; their employers often display the blue and white ASE sign. For more car-care tips, visit [www.ase.com](http://www.ase.com).

