

Gas-Saving Tips In Trying Times [®]

(NAPSA)—Every day seems to bring higher prices at the gas pump. Here are some gas-saving tips from the experts at the non-profit National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE).

- **Monitor tires.** Underinflated tires or poorly aligned wheels waste fuel by forcing the engine to work harder.

- **Remove excess weight.** Remove unnecessary items from the vehicle and the trunk. Less weight means better mileage.

- **Consolidate trips and errands.** Also, try to travel when traffic is light so you can avoid stop-and-go conditions.

- **Keep your engine “tuned up.”** Replace filters and fluids as recommended; have engine performance problems (rough idling, poor acceleration, etc.) corrected. Given today’s high-tech engines, it’s wise to have this type of work done by auto technicians who are ASE certified in engine performance.

- **Use windows and air-conditioning wisely.** Keep windows up at highway speeds to reduce air drag. This is true even with the air-conditioning on. But turn off the A/C in stop-and-go traffic.

- **Avoid excessive idling.** Shut off the engine while waiting for friends and family.

- **Observe speed limits.** Speeding decreases your mileage.

- **Drive gently.** Sudden accelerations guzzle gas. Anticipate traffic patterns ahead and adjust your speed gradually.

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