

Top 10 Tips for Safe, *Fuel-Efficient* Driving



1. **Don't Idle** – When you let your vehicle idle longer than 10 seconds, you burn more fuel than you would restarting the engine.
2. **Don't Drive Aggressively** – Quick starts, hard stops and aggressive driving increase fuel consumption by up to 39%.
3. **Drive at the Posted Speed Limit** – Increasing your cruising speed from 60 mph to 80 mph will increase fuel consumption by about 20%.
4. **Drive Only When You Need to** – Leave your vehicle at home whenever possible by walking, biking, rollerblading, carpooling or taking the bus to nearby locations.
5. **Plan Ahead** – If you have to drive, plan the most fuel-efficient route in advance. Remember left hand turns generally involve waiting at lights.
6. **Use Your Vehicle's Air Conditioner Sparingly** – Using your air conditioner in stop-and-go traffic can increase fuel consumption by as much as 20%. Try opening the windows or fresh air vents to cool your vehicle.
7. **Measure the Inflation Level of Your Tires Once a Month** – A single tire under-inflated by just 8 psi can increase your vehicle's fuel consumption by 4%.
8. **Use Cruise Control** – On dry, flat, wide-open highways, use cruise control to help improve fuel efficiency by maintaining an even speed.
9. **Maintain your Vehicle Properly** – A poorly maintained vehicle consumes more fuel, produces higher levels of emissions, requires expensive repairs, and has a low resale value.
10. **SAFE DRIVING IS FUEL-EFFICIENT DRIVING**