

HELP THE CITY SAVE FUEL

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LIMIT IDLE TIME: Shut off the engine while waiting or working in the field. A large truck uses a half-gallon of fuel for each hour of idling, and adds 40 miles of engine wear and tear to the engine.



DRIVE GENTLY: Avoid sudden acceleration and jerky stop-and-go. Anticipate the traffic patterns ahead of you and adjust your speed gradually and well in advance. Observe speed limits.



PLAN TRIPS: Look at your schedule and activities and try to consolidate your daily trips. Some trips may be unnecessary. Plan your work to accomplish your task without multiple trips for tools and supplies.



ENGINE PERFORMANCE: A well maintained engine operates more efficiently and will get better fuel mileage. Check your oil and fluids daily. Bring in your vehicle for regular service when due, or when it is running poorly.

CARGO: Daily remove debris and excess items from the vehicle that add weight such as unnecessary tools and equipment. Less weight means better fuel economy. In a pickup truck, 200 pounds of excess weight reduces fuel economy by 1 MPG.

TIRE PRESSURE: Drivers should make sure their vehicle tires are properly inflated. Tires under-inflated by 4-5 psi will increase fuel consumption by at least 10%.

WARM-UPS: Today's modern vehicles are designed to warm up much quicker. Forget about those long warm-ups in the morning unless you're driving a large diesel vehicle and even then three minutes will suffice.

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