



# Fuel Saving Tips



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The **less fuel** you use, the **more money** in your pocket and the **less carbon dioxide** emissions you contribute to the **environment**.

Below are some ways in which you can **SAVE FUEL** on a daily basis:

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**Reduce** your normal driving **speed** (reducing speed by 10km/h could save your life).

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**Lighten** the **load** in your vehicle.

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**Plan your trips** and minimise short trips (or rather walk to short distance destinations; this can also be good exercise).

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**Accelerate smoothly** (avoid Boy Racer acceleration ie. from traffic light to traffic light).

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Keep a **safe following distance** to avoid sudden breaking and acceleration.

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Use **air conditioner** only **when is necessary**.

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**Reduce idling time** (switch off the vehicle if the waiting is going to be more than a minute and avoid drive through's).





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**Travel early/late** to avoid known traffic peaks.

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**Resolve** minor and major car **service issues** (this could result in big savings on fuel).

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Keep your **tyres inflated to the proper pressure**. Maintaining the correct tyre pressure also extends the tyre's useful life and supports safer driving.

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If you have more than one car at home, **use the most fuel efficient vehicle** - especially for longer trips.

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**Share the ride** with other people (whether it's your daily commute or a cross-country road trip).

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If you live near a train or bus station, **consider using public transport**.

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**Always use the recommended grade of motor oil** for your car.

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**Downsize or hybridise** (if you're shopping for a new car, it's time to re-evaluate the size of the car you really need).

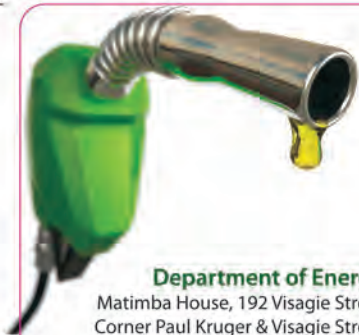
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**Always change to the higher gear** (change up through the higher gears as soon as possible without accelerating harder than necessary. Driving in a lower gear than you need wastes fuel).



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