



## How to Save On Gas

High gas prices got you thinking about walking or biking to work these days even in rainy or cold days? Yeah... we get it.

For most Canadians, driving isn't optional. But here's the good news: you can save on gas just by taking better care of your vehicle. Let's break it down.

### Easy Car Maintenance Tips to Improve Fuel Efficiency

Here are some easy car maintenance tips to improve fuel efficiency:

#### 1. Stay on Top of Maintenance

A well-maintained vehicle runs more efficiently, period.

Regular services like:

- Oil and filter changes
- Tire rotations and proper inflation (*up to 3% better fuel economy*)
- Spark plug replacement (as per your owner's manual)
- Fluid checks and top-ups
- Brake and suspension inspections

- Coolant system checks for leaks

All these preventative measures will result in fewer problems, better mileage, and potentially some savings.

## 2. Use the Right Oil and Fuel

Not all oil and fuel are created equal. Stick to your manufacturer's recommendations.

- Quality motor oil equals less engine friction
- Proper fuel type equals better performance

No guesswork needed, just follow your vehicle's playbook.

## 3. Drive Smarter, Not Harder

Let's shift up and cruise! Driving in higher gears (when safe) helps reduce fuel use—especially on highways.

## 4. Cut the Idling

Waiting for someone? Parked for a few minutes? Turn the engine off and save that fuel for when you're actually moving.

## 5. Chill on the Pedal

Fast starts and hard stops can waste gas. Smooth driving makes safer roads and better gas mileage.

## 6. Lighten the Load and Streamline Your Ride

Time to declutter your vehicle. If your trunk looks like a storage unit... it's costing you money.

The less weight the better fuel efficiency.

## 7. Ditch the Roof Rack (When You Can)

Extra stuff means extra fuel burn. Keep the gear when you need it and remove it when you don't.

## 8. Change Your Air Filter

A clean air filter helps your engine breathe easier (literally).

- Better airflow means better fuel burn. The air filter should be inspected at every maintenance service and replaced when needed
- Especially helpful for older vehicles

## 9. Bonus Gas-Saving Hacks

- Fill up midweek instead, it's often cheaper
- Avoid long weekend price spikes
- Check out [GasBuddy](#) and other apps to find the best deals in town

## 10. Quick Win

Even if your vehicle has a Tire Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS), it's still a good idea to check your tire pressure regularly (monthly). TPMS usually only warns you once pressure drops by 20% or more, and if all four tires are evenly low, some systems won't alert you at all. Keeping your tires properly inflated helps improve fuel efficiency, reduces premature tire wear, ensures your vehicle can carry its load safely, and cuts down on excess heat buildup.

Checking your tire pressure monthly can boost fuel efficiency by up to 3%\*. Not bad for a 5-minute check. 😊

In the end, you can save on gas by driving smarter and proactively maintaining your vehicle properly.

## Need a Hand?

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