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***Ventura County
Farmer's Markets***

~Masks required at all markets~

Thousand Oaks

*Thursdays 12 - 5pm
The Oaks Shopping Center*

Ventura

*Saturdays 8:30 am - 12
Santa Clara to Palm*

Camarillo

*Saturdays 8am - 12pm
Old Town*

Westlake

*Sundays 10am - 2pm
Westlake Commons*

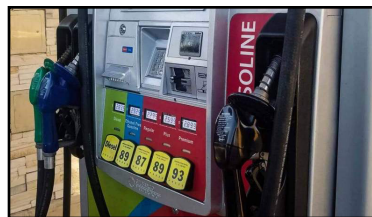
Oxnard

*Sundays 10am - 2pm
Harbor Blvd, CI Harbor*

Simi Valley

*Fridays 11am to 3:30
2757 Tapo Canyon Rd*

Tips To Improve Your Car's Gas Mileage



Owning a car these days is becoming less of a privilege and more of a necessity. Going to work, the grocery store, visiting family or a weekend road trip requires most to fill our gas tanks and get out on the road. While electric hybrids offer a more

ecologically friendly alternative, most of us are still forced to spend more and more money at the gas pumps. All is not lost though, there are a number of ways we can reduce the amount of gas our cars are using. Here are a few helpful tips:

1. Take it easy on the gas pedal.

We all have this tendency to unleash the speed demons in our inner beings, living our wildest fantasies of becoming an F1 racer or even a WRC driver. Regrettably, this is not the best way to save on fuel since you're technically requiring your engine to push you that fast.



2. Watch the weight.

In an effort to economize, some of us would rather turn our vehicles into cargo or delivery trucks, packing as many suitcases and other stuff that we can squeeze into our trunks or even flatbeds. Unfortunately,

doing so increases the weight of our vehicle, which puts more strain on the engine, making it work harder.

3. Be sensible about using your air conditioner.,

It is true that using your air conditioning unit can substantially lower fuel economy. However, it actually depends on when you're going to turn on the AC. If you are driving less than 60 mph, roll down the windows and enjoys some fresh air. If your are driving greater than 60 mph, roll the windows up for less drag and use the AC.

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Tips To Improve Your Car's Gas Mileage (cont.)

4. Avoid prolonged idling.

Did you know that running your engine at idle actually consumes roughly half a gallon to about a gallon of fuel every hour, not to mention the carbon dioxide that your engine pumps into the atmosphere? If this is the case, you can easily do the math. This means you're burning about 1.067 to 2.13 ounces of fuel every minute that you are idle. This easily translates to about 10.67 ounces to 21.33 ounces for every 10 minutes of idling. Modern cars are now more efficient that you're more likely to burn less fuel if you simply turn off your engine, wait for whatever it is you're waiting for, then restart it rather than having your engine running all the time even though you're not really moving. The same is true early in the mornings. Most of us have this tendency to rev it up in an effort to warm the engines quickly enough. Unfortunately, doing so burns more fuel than actually driving it. So start your engine, let it run for about 20 seconds, and roll off.



5. Inflate those tires to the correct pressure.

One of the easiest ways to improve your gas mileage is to inflate your tires to the correct pressure. Sadly, a lot of motorists today neglect this part. As long as the wheels are able to turn and the tires maintain good contact with the ground, then it's already good enough for them. Regrettably, running on low tire pressure increases the rolling resistance of your tires on the ground surface. This robs you of very precious fuel.

6. Plan your trip

You just got home from work and pull into the garage and suddenly you realize you needed something from the grocery store. Why not just accomplish all of these things even before you drive home? We're all guilty of this at some point in our lives. Several short trips can actually consume up to 2 times more fuel when initiated with a cold engine. So, even before you start bringing your car out of your garage, make sure you already have your list of things to do and errands to run to maximize the fuel you will be using for the trip.

April Quote:

In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt.

... Margaret Atwood

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