



## Driving Tips to Help You Become an Eco-Driver

Higher fuel prices and environmental concerns should make us all think twice before turning the key. Did you know that the way you drive and use your vehicle can have a huge impact on CO<sup>2</sup> levels? Here are some easy ways to help keep you driving and saving green.

- **Drive the speed limit.** Gas mileage decreases rapidly at speeds above 55MPH. Every five MPH you drive over this speed is equivalent to paying an additional ten cents per gallon for gas.
- **Accelerate and decelerate slowly and smoothly.** It'll save you up to two miles per gallon.
- **Be a friendly driver.** Aggressive driving (speeding, rapid acceleration and braking) wastes gas mileage by 33 percent at highway speeds and by five percent around town.
- **Don't sit and idle.** Park your car and go into restaurants, banks, etc., instead of idling in drive-up lanes.
- **Check the pressure.** Under-inflated tires reduce fuel economy.
- **Combine errands.** In addition to cutting emissions, combining errands saves on gas.
- **Be aerodynamic.** If you have a choice between putting cargo on the top of your vehicles or inside, choose inside. Carrying items on the roof increases aerodynamic drag.

For more tips on how to save fuel when driving, see the US EPA website:

[www.fueleconomy.gov/FEG/drive.shtml](http://www.fueleconomy.gov/FEG/drive.shtml)