
Green Tips

Try alternative forms of transportation to driving, and if you can't help but drive, keep your car in tune or try out an alternative-fuel vehicle.

- American workers spend an average of 47 hours per year commuting through rush hour traffic. This adds up to 3.7 billion hours and 23 billion gallons of gas wasted in traffic each year.
- We can ease some of this strain by carpooling, taking public transit, biking, walking, or a creative combination thereof. If there's no good way to phase out your car, consider getting a hybrid, or alternative fuel vehicle. They get better mileage than their conventional counterparts, have cleaner emissions, and save money on gas.
- If a hybrid isn't in your future, try for a car with the best MPG you can find; and remember that hybrids aren't always the most efficient option, either.
- Biodiesel can now be found in almost any state in the US. This clean, domestic, veggie-based, carbon-neutral fuel will run in any diesel car or truck with little or no modification to the engine.
- Straight vegetable oil is an option for the more ambitious green driver and can make fueling up almost free. Another veggie fuel is ethanol, and there are between 5-6 million flex-fuel vehicles already on the road - you may even be driving one and not know it.
- Also, affordable, practical electric cars and plug-in hybrids aren't too far off, either. But whether or not you drive a hybrid or alternative-fuel vehicle, there's lots you can do to green your car right now.
- Getting regular tune-ups, maintenance, and having clean air filters will help you burn less gas, pollute less, and prevent car trouble down the line.
- Pump up: if every American's tires were properly inflated we could save around two billion gallons of gas each year!
- Lastly, get the junk out of the trunk! All that extra weight is sapping your fuel economy.

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