

## September Car Care Tips

You cannot control the price of gas, but you can control how much gas you burn. Performing simple and inexpensive maintenance can save you up to \$1,200 per year.

Here are a few simple gas-saving maintenance tips:

- Keep your car properly tuned to improve gas mileage.
- Keep tires properly inflated.
- Replace dirty air filters.
- Use the manufacturer's recommended grade of motor oil.
- Do not spend the extra money for premium fuel if your car manufacturer does not require it.

Remember driving behavior also impacts fuel efficiency.

Below are a few simple gas-saving driving tips:

- Observe the speed limit. Gas mileage decreases rapidly above 50 mph. Each interval of 5 mph over the allotted 50 mph is like paying an additional \$0.25 per gallon for gas, according to [www.fueleconomy.gov](http://www.fueleconomy.gov).
- Avoid excessive idling. Idling gets zero miles per gallon. Warming up the vehicle for one or two minutes is sufficient.
- Avoid quick starts and stops. Aggressive driving can lower gas mileage by 33 percent on the highway and 5 percent in the city.
- Consolidate trips. Several short trips taken from a cold start can use twice as much gas as one longer multi-purpose trip.

- Eliminate some of that clutter in your trunk and car . Extra weight means less gas mileage.