

Easy Tips For Efficient Transport

Travelling by car is a necessity for most New Zealanders, two-thirds of our workforce drives to work. We have one of the highest vehicle ownership rates in the world. Owning and operating a car uses a large part of the average households budget—about \$136 a week—and ever increasing oil prices mean we are always paying more to reach our destination.

There is a lot you can do to reduce your fuel use. By making a few small changes to your driving style, and following some simple suggestions for maintenance, you can cut your fuel bill by as much as 20%, saving you money and helping our environment.

Use Alternative Transport Options

One-third of all car trips cover less than two kilometers—not long enough for the engine to warm up—and two-thirds are shorter than six kilometers. Cut down on these short trips by considering the following transportation options.



Catch a bus!

Be chauffeured while you relax and read the paper. Visit www.hbrc.govt.nz for the bus timetable.



Cycle to work!

Short bicycle trips around town are often faster than driving.



Try walking instead!

Leave the car at home and get some healthy exercise.

More efficient transport actions:

- 🚗 Car pool with friends, family or neighbours to work or weekend leisure activities.
- 🚗 Plan ahead and combine errands and reduce the number of car trips.
- 🚗 When looking for a new car, compare the environmental and fuel performance of vehicles at www.rightcar.govt.nz

Visit www.fuelsaver.govt.nz to calculate how much fuel you can save per year for your vehicle



Saving Fuel Is Easy!

Vehicle maintenance and the way you drive can save you money. Follow these simple suggestions and reduce the cost of running your vehicle!

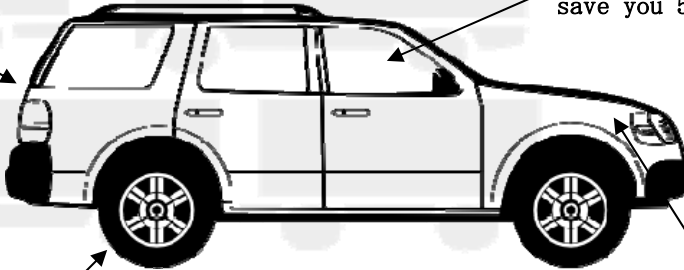
Remove your roof rack!

Roof racks, bicycle racks or boxes can increase your fuel bill by 5%.

If the air vents will keep the car cool, closing the windows and sunroof will save you 5%.

Remove excess weight!

Every 25kg adds 1% to your fuel bill!



Inflate your tyres regularly!

Under inflated tyres can add as much as 10% to your fuel bill!

Keep your engine tuned!

You could easily save 5% on fuel.

Consider how you drive. If you are an aggressive driver it could be adding 30% to your fuel bill and trials suggest its not even saving you much time, probably about three minutes for every hour you spend driving!

Your right foot is your best fuel saving device!

- 🚗 Change up into 5th gear on the open road and change gear early to reduce engine revs, saving up to 15% fuel.
- 🚗 Plan your journey to avoid traffic and leave earlier or later than the rush. Stop-start queues really waste fuel.
- 🚗 Driving at 90km/h rather than 110km/h saves 20% fuel.
- 🚗 Reduce idling time. If you're going to be stationary for more than 30 seconds, switch off your engine.

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