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Stretching Your Gas Mileage

With record –setting gas prices at the pump, now's the time to make sure you're stretching every mile you can out of each gallon of gas. So before you hit the road on those summer vacations, make sure you take a few simple steps to operate more fuel efficiently & save some cash. Try working from home more often if possible.

Put A Lid on It. A bad seal on your gas cap could allow as much as 30 gallons of gas to evaporate over the course of a year. Before you leave the pump, make sure you tighten the cap completely. If you notice the rubber seal on the cap is beginning to wear out or crack, replace it.

Don't Just Kick The Tires...Check Them. Under-inflated tires are one of the most common reasons for poor gas mileage. If your tires are under-inflated by just 20%, your gas mileage can drop by as much as 15%. That means you'd be getting 2-3 miles less per gallon, which leads to filling up sooner & paying at the pump more often.

Take A Load Off. For every 100 pounds of unwanted weight your car carries, your fuel economy drops to 2%. Shedding that unwanted poundage—including golf clubs, bike racks, & tools, can save you the equivalent of 3-6 cents per gallon. So empty your trunk of unnecessary items.

Ease On Down The Road. Remember, unnecessary stops & starts, as well as aggressive acceleration can overshadow all of the good tips on this list—so take it easy on your gas pedal.

Give It Some Air. Believe it or not, replacing a clogged air filter can improve your car's gas mileage by as much as 10%. Not only will replacing a dirty air filter save gas, it will protect your engine.

Consider Using Overdrive Gears. By using the overdrive gears, you can reduce your car's engine speed—which means you'll save gas & reduce engine wear at the time.

Stop Idling. Finally, if you're sitting still for longer than a minute, you should consider shutting down the car. Idling endlessly reduces gas mileage & wastes precious fuel you could be using to get across town. By following these simple tips, you'll be taking better care of your car & your wallet. (WELLS FARGO)

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