

Other ways to save gas, protect your car, and cut down on air pollution:

- Turn off your car's engine if you'll be waiting more than 30 seconds.
- Combine several errands into one car trip.
- Use the right fuel for your car. Check your owner's manual to see what octane level is best to use.
- Keep your wheels aligned.
- Take unnecessary "stuff" out of your car to make it weigh less. Remove roof racks.
- Obey the speed limit.
- Cut down on air conditioner use, but turn it on once a month to keep it from clogging.
- Accelerate and brake gently, and drive at a steady speed.
- If you have cruise control, use it whenever you can.
- Roll up your windows to reduce drag.
- Drive less.

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Car Care = Clean Air



How can you save money and help keep our air clean?

It's as easy as...





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Change your car's oil regularly.

Why: Motor oil lubricates and cools your car's engine. If the oil is low or dirty, the engine heats up, which makes it wear out faster and put out more pollution.

What to do: Check your owner's manual to find out how often to change your oil and what kind of oil to use. A general guideline is to change your oil every three months or every 3,000 miles, whichever comes first.

Tips:

- Oil can be recycled and re-used. Buy or ask for re-refined oil with the American Petroleum Institute (API) symbol on the container.
- Collect your waste oil in a clean container. Call 1-800-RECYCLE, visit 1800recycle.wa.gov, or contact your local solid waste program to find the nearest used oil collection center.



Keep your tires at the correct pressure.

Why: Your tires lose air over time. This causes wear and lowers gas mileage. The more gas you use, the more you pollute the air.

What to do: Check your owner's manual or look on the edge of the driver's side door to find the right tire pressure for your car. Once a month, use a tire pressure gauge to check all your tires (don't forget the spare!). Check the pressure when the tires are cold. Add air if needed. Do not add more than the maximum tire pressure printed on the side of the door.

Tips:

- If you hear a squealing sound when you turn a corner at normal speed, you may need more air in your tires.
- If your tires look bald, you should buy new tires.

Keep your car's engine tuned.

Why: Just like people, cars need regular check-ups to fix any problems before they become serious. A well-maintained car lasts longer, gets better gas mileage, and causes less pollution.

What to do: You or an auto technician should:

- Check the owner's manual to see how often to replace the spark plugs, oil filter, air filter, and fuel filter. Check to see if you also need to replace emission control filters.
- Check the air conditioner for leaks and make needed repairs.
- Check the antifreeze and brake fluids and refill them if they are low.

Tip:

- Used antifreeze and brake fluids can be recycled. Collect them in separate containers. Call 1-800-RECYCLE for the nearest recycling facility or visit 1800recycle.wa.gov.