Green Transportation
Conserving Fuel and Saving Money

“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.” (Proverbs 3:5, 6, KJV)

Auto Maintenance

- Give your vehicle engine a regular tune-up.
- Change your oil on the schedule recommended by the manufacturer.
- Use your manufacturer's recommended octane of gasoline.
- Consider using ethanol if it is available in your area.
- Regularly check the vehicle's tire pressure and wheel alignment.
- Track gas mileage, looking for changes that would indicate a problem.
- Change the fuel filter once a year.
- Make sure the air filter is clean.
- Repair leaking fluids.

Driving

- Follow speed limits.
- Use cruise control on the highway.
- When appropriate, use overdrive gearing to save gas and reduce engine wear.
- Avoid unnecessary breaking by not following too closely and anticipating situations.
- Avoid riding the brake.
- Accelerate gently.
- Avoid unnecessary idling and drive-through services.
- Remove unnecessary items from the trunk that are adding weight.
- If possible, store items in the vehicle rather than on the roof, and remove roof racks when they are not in use.
- Use the air conditioner only when necessary. In the summer, park in the shade to reduce the need for air conditioning.
- Remove snow tires during the summer.

Lifestyle

- Live close to work, if possible.
- Walk, bike, take a bus, or carpool whenever possible.
- Plan efficient travel by using maps, organizing errands, and taking needed items for multiple outings.
- Combine errands in one trip.
- Avoid peak time travel.
- Purchase a fuel-efficient car.
- When renting a vehicle, choose the most fuel-efficient vehicle available.

More information

FuelEconomy.gov
(by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency)
http://www.fueleconomy.gov/
Gas Prices:
http://www.fueleconomy.gov/feg/gasprices/

Green Transportation Tips
(by the National Wildlife Federation)
http://www.nwf.org/getgreen/Transportation.cfm

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“The earth is the LORD’s, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.” (Psalm 24:1, KJV)