

How to save money on gas**1. Learn where to find the cheap gas.**

It is best to avoid affluent areas when looking for a cheap fill. People in these areas are less price sensitive, and the gas stations realize this fact. Gas at a station near major freeway exists can be more expensive than at stations farther away. It can pay to drive a few blocks from the freeway to find a deal.

2. Search online or use your Smartphone.

There are many internet sites and apps ready to help you find the cheapest gas prices. Take the time to search for the cheapest gas before filling the tank.

3. Change the way you drive.

Many people burn much more gas than they have to. By making a few small adjustments in the way you drive, you can gain considerable fuel savings. Most vehicles today are set to achieve optimal fuel economy around 55mph. If you drive too fast or too slow, you won't be able to maximize your fuel savings. Also, don't accelerate or brake too hard - this is very hard on fuel economy.

4. Find the right type of station.

Some stations are always the price leaders in the area. Often times wholesale clubs, grocery stores or department stores with gas stations will sell gas close to cost or at a loss (loss leader), in order to get people into the stores where they may buy other, higher margin items. Some of these places require memberships. The cost of the membership must be factored into the price. Some of these stations also give you a credit for in store purchases when you fill up with gas. This can result in considerable indirect savings. Service stations with an auto repair shop on site often have more expensive gas.

5. Find other ways to get to work.

-One of the best ways to lower your fuel cost is to carpool to work. You can reduce the inconvenience by sharing a ride with someone who works at the same company, and lives near your home. Many companies have a bulletin board or Intranet web site where you may be able to find someone to carpool with.

-Another great option is public transportation. Passes are usually available at discounted rates. Although you have to pay to use public transportation, it is usually much less expensive than driving to work, and paying for parking (where applicable).

-Some other options are walking or riding a bike to work. Both of these options have the added benefit of giving you exercise; however, you must live relatively close to work to be able to do this, and you are well advised to ensure that you have access to a shower at work.