



GREEN TRANSPORTATION TIPS

In the US, automobiles produce 20% of the country's total carbon emissions. Every gallon of gas saved translates to 20 pounds of CO₂ kept out of the air. Less fuel-efficient cars contribute more to global climate change.

Things we can do to reduce our carbon footprint:

- **Drive slower.** Cars use 25% less fuel at 55 mph than at 70 mph.
- **Reduce sharp braking and accelerating.** Smooth driving can save 30% on fuel consumption.
- **Check your tires** regularly. Under-inflated tires can increase fuel consumption by 2-3%.
- **Remove roof racks and pull bars** from your car when not needed. They increase drag and consumption by 5%.
- **Unload unnecessary weight.** Do you really need what's in your trunk?
- **Reconsider your use of air conditioning.** It can add 10% to gasoline consumption.
- **Have your car serviced regularly** to keep emissions operating at peak efficiency. Check air filter monthly.
- **Turn off your engine** if you have to idle for more than 30 seconds when you are not in traffic. Don't use drive thru's.
- When you can't use public transportation:
 - **Car pool** on shopping trips.
 - Map out your errands and try to **make one trip** rather than several.
 - In fair weather, **walk** if you are able.
 - **Try walking or running outside** instead of driving to the gym to use a treadmill.
- **Consider a vacation closer to home.** One long-haul flight can increase your footprint by 24%.

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