



The world as we know it is changing. It is becoming more and more important to not only become a safe driver but also an Eco-Conscious driver. Global warming affects each and every one of us and the following ten tips are some simple steps that you can take to make a big difference.

1. AVOID RAPID START AND STOPS

Rapid acceleration and breaking consumes excess fuel.

2. KEEP ON ROLLING

It takes more energy to move a stopped vehicle than to just keep a vehicle moving. So, maintaining a constant speed in your everyday commute increases fuel economy.

3. AT HIGH SPEEDS, USE YOUR AC

When driving less than about 40 mph open windows are best. However, at higher speeds open windows can cause an aerodynamic drag. This means more fuel consumption. The solution-use your air conditioner when traveling at speed in excess of 40 mph.

4. CRUISE CONTROL IS YOUR FRIEND

Cruise control helps maintain a steady speed. Cruise control can provide a 7% average fuel savings.

5. NO MORE IDLING

When your car is idling this means 0 mpg. The worst possible! If you are going nowhere and simply sitting and waiting then turn your car off.

6. REMOVE EXCESS WEIGHT

Just takes this as a good reason to clean out your car. You pay for gas to lug around all that junk collecting in your trunk. Unless you need it take it out.

7. DRIVE YOUR VEHICLE TO WARM IT UP

Today's cars do not need to warm-up before driving. It only takes 30 seconds for the oil to circulate throughout the engine, even on the coldest of mornings. Your vehicle will warm up faster when you are driving it, rather than idling.

8. KEEP YOUR CAR COOL

The inside of the car heats up quickly in the summer months. Instead of getting in and blasting your AC, try letting the hot air out by opening your door and windows. Also, when possible try parking your car in the shade, and use a heat reflector or window shade to protect the car from the hot rays of the sun.

9. OBEY YOUR CHECK ENGINE LIGHT

Take your car in when the check engine light comes on. This means that there is a malfunction in your vehicle which could be increasing your cars fuel consumption.

10. NAVIGATE

Plan your trip out. When going to a new location look up your route so you know where you are going and not driving around wasting gas looking for the place.

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These are just small things you can do to reduce CO₂ emissions by as much as **15%**. All Eco-Conscious tips are provided by EcoDrivingUSA.™