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- Have your tires inflated appropriately. Inflate your tires 2-4 lbs. above the recommendation in the owner's manual, but not to exceed maximum pressure indicated on the side of the tire. Check your tires as the weather changes. Under-inflation causes them to wear out too soon and lowers gas mileage. Your best tires should be on the front of the vehicle; rotate tires as indicated in your owner's manual.
- Buy oil and windshield washer solvents from a discount center and learn how to check and change them in your car.
- Use self-service stations to pump gas at reduced prices.
- Learn to do minor repairs and maintenance by studying manuals, reading books, and observing others as they work on autos and trucks. Trade services.
- Use a bike for short-distance transportation. Good exercise will keep you healthy and may reduce medical expenses.
- When buying a car, consider cost of gas and repairs as well as the initial price.
- Have a used car checked by reputable mechanics before purchasing it.
- Use public transportation, if available, or organize a carpool.
- Protect against salt and rust by keeping a clean undercoating.
- Save on fuel with good driving habits.
- Plan trips to make best use of your transportation dollar.

- Walk whenever you can.
- Leasing a car may save money.

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