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**"Flex Your Power"!** On May 26, 2004, Governor Schwarzenegger called upon state and local governments and California businesses to lead a statewide effort to conserve gasoline, help the economy and the environment, and save money. The "Flex Your Power at the Pump" campaign was initiated to assist Californians in using fuel resources efficiently this summer. Here are some tips you can use to help you stretch your department's transportation and travel budget!



You can save up to 15% by taking these three no-cost measures:

- \* Keep tires inflated to the recommended pressure.
- \* Use the car's air conditioner selectively.
- \* Observe the posted speed limits. (It's safer and saves gas.)

For more savings:

- \* Accelerate smoothly and brake gradually.
- \* Properly maintain your vehicle.
- \* Minimize the amount of time your vehicle idles. For example, consider parking the car instead of using the "drive-through" lanes. (If there are more than three cars in line in a "drive-through" lane, you'll probably also save time by parking.)

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**"Road Trip Tips—Ten Ways to Help Improve Fuel Mileage"**  
from **www.gmgoodwrench.com**

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1. Avoid warming up your vehicle in the driveway. It wastes gas. To bring your engine up to optimal driving temperature, drive slowly for the first few blocks.
2. Smooth, gradual accelerations increase mileage. Rapid starts waste gas. Try to maintain a steady rate of speed and take advantage of timed traffic lights.
3. Watch your speed (drive at posted speed limits). For every mile per hour over 50, mileage decreases roughly 1%. When traveling at a steady speed, most vehicles get their best mileage between 35 and 45 mph.
4. Proper tire inflation and wheel alignment decrease road resistance and increase miles per gallon. Check tire pressure monthly and rotate tires using the prescribed maintenance schedule for your vehicle.
5. A well-maintained vehicle will run properly and use fuel more efficiently.
6. Use your air conditioning wisely. With the air on, your engine uses more fuel.
7. Drive less by planning ahead. Try to do all your errands in one trip and plan the most efficient route.
8. If you're in a bad mood, don't vent your anger behind the wheel. Aggressive acceleration wastes gas and can be dangerous as well.
9. When you see a red light or stop sign ahead, take your foot off the accelerator and let your vehicle coast in gear. This lets the momentum get you to the intersection.
10. Shift properly. If you have a manual transmission, shifting into high gear as soon as possible without straining the engine reduces drag and uses less fuel.