

Gas-Saving Tips For Cold Weather

(NAPSA)—Baby it's cold outside, but according to experts at the nonprofit National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE), today's vehicles no longer require those 20-minute warm-ups of old. Avoid the temptation of a toasty passenger cabin and you'll save gasoline. ASE offers other tips as well:

- **Observe speed limits.** Speeding decreases your miles per gallon.



- **Drive gently.** Sudden accelerations guzzle gas. Anticipate traffic patterns ahead and adjust your speed gradually.

- **Monitor tires.** Underinflated tires or poorly aligned wheels waste fuel by forcing the engine to work harder.

- **Remove excess weight.** Remove unnecessary items from the vehicle. Less weight means better mileage.

- **Consolidate trips and errands.** Also, try to travel when traffic is light so you can avoid stop-and-go conditions.

- **Keep your engine "tuned up."** Replace filters and fluids as recommended; have engine-performance problems (rough idling, poor acceleration, etc.) corrected.

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