

# AutoShack Weekly Tip



- Fuel prices have long been a subject of discontent for many people and understandably so.
- Let's perform a quick analysis to assess the financial impact of fuel price increases on an individual.
- Let's assume fuel prices increase by 50 cents ( 2.2 GHS) per gallon.
- It takes about 16 gallons to fill the tank of an average-sized car.
- Let's assume you fill your tank every 2 weeks. That's 26 refills a year (For simplicity, let's ignore occasional long/road trips).
- By this assessment it will cost an extra \$208 (915 GHS) in fuel purchases to keep your vehicle running all year.
- In today's tip we discuss the top 7 fuel saving tips that can help you stretch your fuel dollars.
- We encourage you to make a conscious effort to put some of these tips into practice. Your pocket, the environment and your car will thank you for it.

- **Top 7 Fuel Saving tips:**

1. Keep tire pressure at the manufacturer recommended pressure. If tire pressure are too low, fuel economy will be reduced.
2. Keep vehicle speed below 70mph (110 km/hr). Above 70mph, fuel economy is drastically reduced.
3. When on the highway, roll windows up and turn on AC. When driving in the city, roll windows down and turn AC off.
4. Cut out long 'vehicle warm up' times. During winter, there is no need to warm up your car beyond one minute. If you live in the tropics there is no need to warm up your car at all.
5. Service vehicle regularly. A properly maintained vehicle burns fuel efficiently. Dirty components such as air filters can reduce fuel economy.
6. Accelerate smoothly. Quick accelerating causes more air to be suddenly sucked into your engine. Therefore more fuel will need to be added to mix with the air. This causes poor fuel economy.
7. Don't carry around unnecessary weight in your car/trunk. Carrying around excess weight will cause more fuel to be used.

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- A majority of the tip topics are suggested by others based on their experiences.
- Consider helping others to benefit from your experiences by suggesting a topic for our tip bank based on your car troubles, experiences or observations.