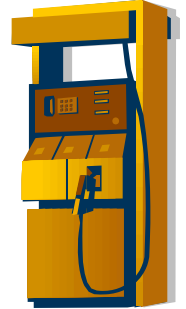


To continually examine our processes to provide greater value to our customers without waste.

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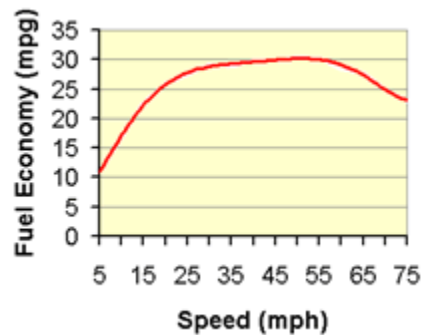
FEELING THE FUEL PINCH



With the rising price of fuel, the need to control this expense is becoming more important. What can we do to reduce this increased cost and eliminate all waste?

We can drive more efficiently

Aggressive driving (i.e., speeding, rapid acceleration and braking) wastes gas. It can lower your gas mileage by 33 percent at highway speeds and by 5 percent around town. Sensible driving is also safer for you and others, so you may save more than gas money.



We can remove excess weight

Avoid keeping unnecessary items in your vehicle, especially heavy ones. The extra weight reduces your gas mileage. Consider the “80/20 rule” and if you only use a specialty tool or equipment 20% or less of the time, it may be more efficient to keep the item in the tool room and pick up when needed vs. carrying it around all year long. Only buy the material you need for the job so you don’t carry too much excess inventory that you may rarely if ever use again.

We can reduce idling

Idling gets zero miles per gallon and increases wear on the engine and maintenance cost. It also affects air quality. For every gallon of gasoline that is consumed, approximately 24 pounds of global warming pollution are released into the air (19 of which come from burning the fuel; the balance is from drilling, refining, and distributing). Studies have determined that it is more efficient to turn off the engine rather than idling for even one minute. Essentially, it takes about ten seconds worth of idling to use as much gasoline as it would to restart your vehicle.

We can pre-plan our driving

Before going to various vendors to see if they have the part you need, please call ahead to ensure the part is at the location you want and request they put it on will-call to save you additional time when you get to the supply house. If you have several stops to make, pre-plan your day so you make the least amount of trips back and forth.

Please help do your part to eliminate all waste of fuel.