

Pump It Up (and Pay Less)

Filling up the gas tank can cost more than an admission ticket to the kids' favorite theme park. Pinch your pennies with these anti-gas-guzzling tips from the Federal Trade Commission:

- **Put it on cruise.** Using cruise control on the highway improves a car's fuel economy.
- **Improve your packing skills.** Resist the urge to load up your car's roof rack or carrier with extra items. They create wind resistance that can decrease fuel economy by as much as five percent.
- **Do errands all at once.** You'll not only save valuable minutes, you'll save gas. Several short trips taken from a cold start can use twice as much gas as one trip in the same distance when the engine is warm.
- **Get rid of junk in the trunk.** Lugging around an extra 100 pounds in your trunk will reduce fuel economy by two percent.
- **Don't feel the need for speed.** Gas mileage goes down rapidly when you push the speedometer above 60 miles *per* hour.
- **Change the air filters.** Clogged filters can decrease gas mileage up to 10 percent.

And, don't forget the most important tip – making sure you have the right auto insurance coverage. For free, no-obligation quotes that include special group rates and discounts, call MetLife Auto & Home[®] at **1 800 GET-MET 8** (1-800-438-6388). Friendly, experienced representatives are available Monday through Saturday and weekday evenings to answer any questions you may have.

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