

HALTON HILLS AUTOMOTIVE NEWS



Operating on the theory that an informed public voluntarily can achieve gasoline savings that would make rationing or high taxes unnecessary, the American Automobile Association has launched a Gas Watchers program. Aimed at making "five gallons of gas do the work of six," the program is in response to President Ford's stated goal of reducing U.S. oil imports from six to five million barrels daily. A 16% per cent reduction in gasoline consumption would be needed to meet the President's objective.

The AAA program concentrates on five areas to save gasoline. They are: Use Good Driving Techniques. "Jack rabbit" starts, fast braking and weaving in and out of traffic can cost motorists up to 44 per cent in gas mileage in normal city driving, AAA claims.

Keep Your Car In Tip-Top Shape. AAA reports tests have shown that a tune-up can result in an immediate nine to 15 per cent increase in gas mileage. "Once you've had your car tuned, don't forget about it," AAA advises. "A car needs to be tuned at least twice a year."

Attention to proper tire pressure, radiator temperature and brake adjustment also helps save gasoline. Join a Car Pool. Just car pooling with one other person to work could reduce the average motorist's fuel use by 25 per cent. Plan Your Driving —

Try combining errands in one trip, cutting down on the average 55 miles the average motorist expends on shopping and related needs. Map your route on each excursion to make certain you're traveling the shortest distances. Where possible, shop by phone.

Watch Speeds. Observe the 55 mile per hour speed limit. In fact, where safe and not interfering with traffic, travel at 30 to 40 m.p.h. That is the best speed range for fuel economy.

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