

6. Plan for the shortest route.

- Utilize a map or navigation system to determine the best route to save time.

7. Avoid idling.

- Shutting off your engine when safe for stops exceeding 30-60 seconds saves fuel and reduces emissions.

8. Buy an automated pass for toll roads.

- Automated passes permit drivers to use special lanes to maintain cruising speed through the toll and avoid stopping and starting.

9. Winter warm up.

- Limit idling time to minimize impact to fuel economy.
- Vehicles typically need no more than 30 seconds of idling at start-up to effectively circulate the engine oil before driving.
- Your vehicle will reach its ideal operating temperature more quickly while driving versus idling.

10. Keeping your vehicle cool.

- Park your vehicle in a covered parking area or in the shade whenever possible.

- When entering a hot vehicle, opening the windows will help to reduce the inside temperature faster, resulting in reduced demand on your A/C system.

INCREASING FUEL ECONOMY

- Keep your engine tuned up.
- Follow the recommended scheduled maintenance.
- Keep the tires inflated to the correct pressure. Low tire pressure increases tire wear and lowers fuel economy.
- Keep the wheels in correct alignment. Improper alignment increases tire wear and lowers fuel economy.
- Use the recommended viscosity engine oil. (See “Engine oil and oil filter recommendation” (P.9-6).)