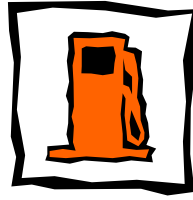


# Fuel Reduction Tips!



## Take the Challenge!

Your Town or City should set a goal of reducing fuel consumption by all users. Do your part for the environment and the local Town or City Budget! Here are some ways to reduce fuel consumption.

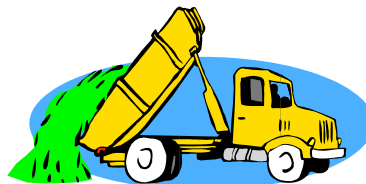
### Idling

1. Many of us still operate our cars and trucks by the “rules” we’ve followed for years. But with fuel-injected engines, many of the rules aren’t true any more. For instance:

- *The engine needs to be “warmed-up”.* Not True!  
The car only needs about 30 seconds of idling on a cold day before driving. Fuel-injected engines warm up more quickly once the car is operating.
- *Frequent restarting uses more gas.* Not true again. In fact, letting the vehicle idle more than 10 seconds burns more gas than shutting it off and restarting.

All the above is true for both gasoline and Diesel engines!

**There will be no more idling of City/Town vehicles unless the job requires it.**

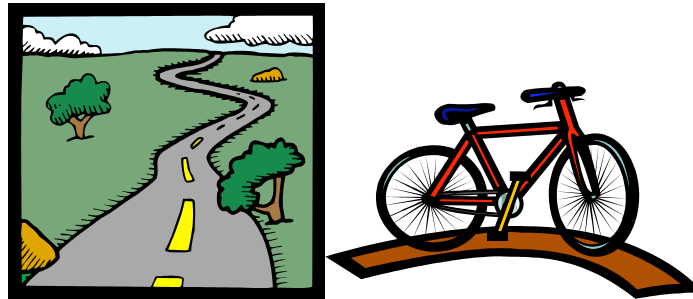




## Proper tire pressure saves fuel!

- Check your tire pressure at least weekly! A single tire that is 2 pounds low on pressure can increase fuel consumption by 1%.

For every 10-degree drop in temperature tires lose 1 pound of air pressure so check your tire pressure often in the fall and winter.



## Trip planning

- Plan your trips. Each time you return to the office for something, fuel is wasted.
- All departments should check with other departments when going to Concord and ride share when possible.

Have the meeting where the majority of staff works. Plan your time so you can walk or take a bike to a meeting if the building is close. You will not only save energy, but get exercise!