



Blackrock Green Home

Tips to Save Money when Driving



The transport sector in Ireland uses approximately 28% of all energy used in the country (SEAI, 2012) and is closely linked with greenhouse gas emissions which are associated with climate change.

One litre of petrol emits 2.3 kg of CO₂. Driving your car for a distance of 6.5 km – from Blackrock to Dundalk - emits one full kilogram of CO₂ into the air.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Drive More Smoothly. Avoiding fast starts and stops and erratic driving will significantly improve fuel economy. Erratic driving can add as much as one-third to your fuel bill.

Cost Savings: 20 cents per litre.

Slow Down. For every 8km/h you reduce motorway speed, you can reduce fuel consumption by 7%.

Cost Savings: 10 cents per litre (by reducing speed from 120km/h to 112km/h).

Check Your Air Filter. Nearly one in four cars needs an air filter replacement. A clean filter can improve fuel consumption by as much as 10%.

Cost Savings: 7 cents per litre.

Straighten Up. Poor wheel alignment not only causes tyres to wear out more quickly, but also forces your engine to work harder. Align your wheels and save up to 10%.

Cost Savings: 7 cents per litre.

Tune Up. When was your last tune up? A properly maintained engine can improve fuel consumption by up to 4%.

Cost Savings: 3 cents per litre.

Pump 'em Up. More than a quarter of vehicles are driving on deflated tyres. The average under-inflation of 7.5 pounds/si causes a loss of 2.8% in fuel efficiency.

Cost Savings: 2 cents per litre.

Check Your Fuel Cap. It is estimated that almost 17% of cars on the road have damaged or missing fuel caps. Improving fuel mileage is as easy as replacing a bad fuel cap.

Cost Savings: 2 cents per litre.

Don't Idle. Besides causing pollution, idling wastes fuel. If stopped for more than 30 seconds, turn off the engine. And don't bother to "warm up" your car before driving - it is not necessary.

Cost Savings: 2 cents per litre (for every three minutes you avoid idling).

SMALL CHANGES IN DRIVING CAN ADD UP TO A LOT OF SAVINGS IN A YEAR!



And finally, here are a couple of things to think about:

How did you travel to school as a child?

1. *Walk*
2. *Cycle*
3. *Car*
4. *Public transport*
5. *Other*

How do you travel to work now?

1. *Walk*
2. *Cycle*
3. *Car*
4. *Public transport*
5. *Other*

And here are two questions we'd like you to answer:

Q1. What would you consider to be your ideal way to travel to work?

1. *Walk*
2. *Cycle*
3. *Car*
4. *Public transport*
5. *Other*

Q2. Would you consider car pooling if it was available?

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YOUR CAR IS IN YOUR HANDS!

