# Save Money!

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In North Carolina most of our air pollution comes from cars and trucks.

The number of miles we drive is increasing three times as fast as population growth.

This adds up to money spent on fuel, traffic congestion and air pollution, which affects our health, our economy and our environment.

Time for Action!

Look inside to find out how.

## #1. Drive Sensibly

Aggressive driving habits such as rapid acceleration and braking can reduce your fuel efficiency by 33% on the highway and 5% around town.

Instead, drive smoothly. Don't race up to the light then slam on the brakes. Avoid cutting in and out of traffic.

Maintain a constant speed

and use cruise control when ever possible.

Not only will this save \$\$ on gas, but on tires and car maintenance costs as well.

Before you get in

### #2. Drive Less

the car, ask yourself, "Is this trip really necessary?"

Plan your day. Combine errands into one trip to save time and money. A warm engine is more fuel efficient!

A few short trips with a cold engine can use *twice* as much fuel as a longer trip covering the same distance if the engine is warm.

#### #3 Don't Drive

There are many ways to get around besides using a car. Options such as carpooling save money and pollute less.

Walk or ride a bike to work. It's good for your body and the environment.

Bring your lunch to work instead of idling in the drive through lane.

Park and walk into banks and

fast food restaurants.

Start a carpool or vanpool at work or use public transportation.

AND, don't idle! Studies show that turning the engine off, even for 10 seconds will save you fuel and money.

Modern engines are not damaged by frequent restarts.

### #4. Stay Guned

Keep your tires properly inflated. Under-inflated tires can reduce gas mileage by 1 mile per gallon.

A tuned engine will operate about *20% more* efficiently than an out-of-tune engine.

Improve fuel efficiency by 10% by replacing a clogged air filter.