

Here are two more tips from BLUER about how to get the most from your car to save you money and to reduce emissions. First, check to make sure your tires are properly inflated each month. Under-inflated tires increase resistance and can cause fuel consumption to increase by as much as 6%. On average, tires lose about 1 psi per month and 1 psi for every 10 degree drop in temperature.

Consult the car's operator manual for the right PSI (pounds per square inch) for your car. Also, check your vehicle's tire pressure when the tires are cold. This means the tires should not have been driven on for at least three hours. If you need to drive to get air, try to drive less than a mile. Or, slightly under-inflate the tires to compensate for the warmer air inside them, and then check the pressure again when you can get a cold reading. According to the Energy Information Administration, tire efficiency could save approximately 800,000 barrels of oil a day.

The second way you can save is by tightening your gas cap to the second click. If you don't, gas can evaporate. According to the Car Care Council, loose, missing or damaged gas caps cause 147 million gallons of gas to evaporate every year. So remember to click your cap, and keep those tires in mind so you can save at the pump and reduce emissions. In case you missed these tips and for more money and energy saving tips, visit BLUER at www.wcbluer.org.