

Letter received from Peninsula Mortgage on going green to help our environment.

Changing your driving habits to save fuel.

Gasoline prices have gone up. So it pays to think creatively about the way you get around. Your car will get better gas mileage if you observe speed limits and keep your vehicle properly maintained. If there is more than one driver in your household, discuss your driving habits and how to change them. By thinking through how you use your car, you will find less costly ways to reach your destinations and discover ways to cut back on travel significantly.

Look at your driving habits- we are driving more than ever.

- Americans drive an average of 14,500 miles per person annually.
- Americans averaged four trips per day, totaling on average 40 miles of travel – most of it (35 miles) in a personal vehicle.

Plan your trips.

- Group your errands and, if possible, run them on the way to or from work.
- Before making a special trip, call ahead to make sure you will find what you need when you get there.
- If you're driving to an unfamiliar location, get directions or find a map for the most efficient route.
- Avoid rush hour traffic.
- Avoid drive-through service.

Ways to drive less.

- Spend more time at home.
- Look for opportunities to conduct business online, by telephone, or by mail.
- If you have more than one car in your family, assign the car that gets the best gas mileage to the individual with the longest commute.

Switch to a more fuel-efficient vehicle or keep your car tuned, your tires properly inflated, change your oil and replace filters regularly.

Find the lowest gas prices.

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