

During Travel

- Try to find alternatives to driving such as biking or even walking
- If you do have to drive, carpooling is a very viable option
- Drive a low-carbon car such as a vehicle that uses electricity or even a hybrid
- If possible, try to avoid buying a minivan or SUV, instead, pick up a hitch-mounted cargo rack
- On the same subject, avoid roof-mounted boxes as they create drag on your vehicle, and subsequently, increase your fuel consumption
- If possible, you might consider modifying your driving style: excessive speed, for instance, increases your fuel consumption
- If you drive a manual, try to shift gears earlier
- Regular maintenance of your vehicle, e.g. keeping the tires properly inflated, using the correct type of oil and receiving regular tune-ups will not only increase your performance on your car, but will reduce your fuel consumption
- Try to avoid traffic as being stuck in traffic will increase your carbon output; planning alternative routes, or in some instances, simply delaying your trip are some possible solutions
- Try to combine errands into fewer trips
- Reduce the amount of weight your car is carrying; this has a direct impact on your gas mileage
- Even using cruise control can help
- Try to avoid air travel when possible
- Take shorter plane trips if possible
- When planning vacations, try to take them closer to home and rarely plan for longer plane trips
- Try to fly economy class; a single aircraft with more people will create less of a carbon footprint than several aircraft with fewer passengers
- Try to avoid private jets and fly commercially