

ABCs for conserving fuel, environment

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The Canadian Automobile Association and CAA-Quebec are advising drivers on how they can best cut emissions with tips on "eco-driving" that will help save money on fuel at the same time.

MONTREAL - The Canadian Automobile Association and non-profit group Pollution Probe today announced the release of a new, 109-page primer on how to increase your car's fuel efficiency and reduce emissions, measures that can aid the environment and save drivers significant amounts of money at the same time.

Changes in driving techniques can save drivers as much as 40 per cent in fuel usage and costs, said Jeff Walker of the CAA, and you don't have to shell out cash for a Toyota Prius to do so.

"There are some Canadians who think the only way to really save fuel is to drive a hybrid," Walker said. "Any car can be made more efficient, and if you use our tools, you'll save gas."

Transportation accounts for 25 per cent of all greenhouse gas emissions in Canada, and passenger vehicles make up half of that figure. Changes made by everyday drivers could have a major effect on the amount of pollutants spewed into the environment, and save them considerably at the gas pump.

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