

Ride & Drive Smarter



DRIVERS

- 1** Bicyclists are vehicles too! The law says bicycles are vehicles, and it's OK (and often safer) for them to ride in the middle of the lane.
- 2** No sudden moves! Abrupt turns can cause crashes, so always look for bicyclists and use your turn signals. Stay a few feet away from bicyclists when passing; don't try to squeeze past them.
- 3** Look before you leap! Look behind you for approaching bicycles before opening a door on either side of your vehicle (or risk a \$100 fine).

BICYCLISTS

- 1** Give yourself some space! You have the right to the road, so use it; take the full lane when needed, stay away from car doors and don't squeeze between lanes. Two bicycles can ride side-by-side, but get into a single file if cars can't pass safely.
- 2** Go with the flow! Ride in the same direction as other traffic. Bicyclists must follow the rules of the road as they apply to motor vehicles.
- 3** Light up the night - add a little insurance! Lights help you see where you are going, but it's more important that everyone else can see you. Always wear a helmet.

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Drive Smart & Save

Here are 6 simple ways you can reduce your carbon footprint & start saving money!



Drive Less: Try a sustainable mode of transportation, take public transportation, walk, bike, rideshare or telework.



Set it at 60: Fuel consumption increases for every 5 mph driven above 60 mph. Drive the posted speed limit to save money.



Go Easy on the Pedals: Rapid starts & hard stops can increase fuel use by 40%, but reduce travel time by only 4%. Accelerate gradually & maintain a constant speed.



Turn it Off: Idling for 10 seconds wastes more fuel than restarting your engine. When you're stopped, switch off the engine. It will save you fuel & it's the law - Massachusetts prohibits idling for more than five minutes.



Click the Cap: Loose, damaged or missing fuel tank caps cause 147 million gallons of fuel to evaporate per year. Make sure the cap is tight & you can save around \$120 per year.



Check the Pressure: Underinflated tires waste fuel. Proper tire pressure is safer, extends tire life & can save up 3% of fuel consumption.

For more information on ways to Drive Smart & Save, be sure to log-on to:
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