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## 5 Ways to Save Money on Gas



The average price of gasoline in California reached record highs last month, according to data from the American Automobile Association.

It's not yet known when prices will begin to dip back down. In the meantime, here are some tips to reduce sticker shock at the pumps.

### 1. Get the lowest gas prices nearby.

You don't need to burn gas driving around looking for the cheapest prices. Apps such as [gasbuddy.com](https://www.gasbuddy.com) list costs-per-gallon at stations near you.

### 2. Ride a bus or train instead of driving.

Transit is already typically a bargain over driving, and—unlike driving—the cost of riding transit doesn't go up when gas prices do.

For added savings:

- **In Los Angeles County, low-income riders may qualify for a free 90-Day Pass** and/or half-price weekly and monthly passes through July 20 with the LIFE program.

- **OC Bus recently introduced a new Value Pass** that offers up to 40% off

regular fares. Through July 15, OC Bus riders can save up to \$10 on a five-pack of 1-day passes and up to \$29 on a 30-day pass.

- Through April, it's only 25 cents to ride **Riverside Transit Agency** buses, including CommuterLink.

- **Fares on VCTC Intercity buses and Valley Express are half price** for all riders through June.

**3. Drive less.** Carpool with just one other person on your daily commute and you'll cut gas prices in half. Even carpooling as little as once a week can add up in cost savings—especially when gas prices are on the rise.

Don't have anyone to share the ride? Visit [ridematch.info](https://ridematch.info) or [IECommuter.org](https://IECommuter.org) for a list of people who live and work near you with a similar schedule who might want to carpool.

**4. Whenever you can, walk or bike instead of driving.** Biking can be an option even if you live far from the office—just ride to your nearby transit stop and bring your bike on board.

**5. Drive smart.** A few tips for better fuel efficiency: Slow down and drive the speed limit. Avoid accelerating quickly. Combine errands so you'll drive fewer miles and travel more often on a warmed-up (and therefore more efficient) engine.

Another smart solution: If you're in the market for a new car, consider making the gas-saving switch to an electric or hybrid vehicle. (You may qualify for a **rebate of up to \$7,000** through the California Clean Vehicle Rebate Project).

## Ride Free on Earth Day

Earth Day is April 22, a day to address climate issues and ways ridesharing can contribute to cleaner air.

To celebrate, **MetroLink will be offering free rides** on its trains all day. Download **the mobile app** and you may qualify to receive an additional MetroLink ticket.

In Los Angeles County, people can ride free on Earth Day on all Metro buses and rail as well as Metro Bike Share bikes.

Organizations throughout Southern California will be hosting virtual and in-person Earth Day events. Find an event near you at [earthday.org](https://earthday.org).



## Keep Masking Up

The US Transportation Safety Administration (TSA) has extended the mandate to wear a face covering on transit to at least April 18.

For details, visit [tsa.gov](https://tsa.gov).



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