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Commuters

5 Ways to Save Money on Gas

If you've been driving at all these days, then it's no surprise to hear that gas prices have been on the rise. As of last month, the average cost for regular grade gas in California reached more than \$4.50 a gallon, according to AAA records. That's well above the national average of \$3.39—and the highest since 2012.

If you're feeling the squeeze at the pump, here are a few ways to lower the cost:

Find the lowest gas price.

Apps like gasbuddy.com can help you locate the station near you with the lowest price per gallon—better than driving around trying to compare prices.

Drive less. If you're able to carpool or vanpool with people while following COVID guidelines, you'll be able to share the cost of gas with others or trade off driving duties, therefore filling up less often.

Skip the drive altogether. Riding the bus or train can be an affordable alternative to



driving, saving you money on gas as well as wear and tear on your car. Find your

best route by using the trip planner at go511.com or IECommuter.org.

Per TSA regulation, masks are required on all public transit.

Drive smarter. Studies have shown that personal driving habits are the single biggest factor that affects vehicle fuel consumption, according to the AAA. Keeping your car

maintained, not accelerating quickly and other habits can add up in the long run to lower gas use. Visit AAA for a list of [smart strategies to use less gas](#).

If you're in the market for a car, consider an electric vehicle. That way, the price of gas won't be an issue at all. California's Clean Fuel Reward program may even allow you to take \$750 off the purchase price. Visit cleanfuelreward.com for details.

Stuff a Bus with Toys



Here's a chance to put the "sharing" into ridesharing.

Transit agencies are partnering with KABC7 and the Southern

California Firefighters for the annual Spark of Love Toy Drive. Help "stuff a bus" full of new toys for underserved families.

December 3

- The Collection at Riverpark, Oxnard
- Mathis Brothers, Ontario

December 10

- Los Cerritos Center, Cerritos
- Westfield Topanga Mall, Canoga Park

For details, visit abc7.com/sparkoflove.

Metrolink Holiday Discount

On Christmas and New Year's Day, **Metrolink** will run on its Saturday schedule and price—so it's only \$10 to travel all day, anywhere you need to go on Metrolink.



Ride OC Bus? Get the New App

OC Bus recently released an **updated app** that will replace its current one. It allows riders to use their smartphones to plan a route, purchase fare and tap to ride OC Bus.

Because this is a replacement app, you'll need to **download it** and set up an account before the original app expires Dec. 31.

Passes purchased and not activated on the current version will also expire at year's end.



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