



Greening Our Vehicles 2008

Quicklist

USE 'GREEN' DRIVING/FUELING TECHNIQUES TO IMPROVE MILEAGE

- ☞ Implement vehicle idle reduction policy
- ☞ Always speed up gently instead of aggressively
- ☞ Coast more as you approach a stop
- ☞ Go easy on the brakes
- ☞ Use hills to your advantage: climb gently and get a free coast on the downside
- ☞ Avoid long idles
- ☞ Avoid high speeds
- ☞ Fuel vehicles in morning or coolest part of the day
- ☞ Fuel vehicles before tank reaches 1/4 empty
- ☞ Develop "visor" quicklist of these items for all vehicles

DO REGULAR MAINTENANCE AND TUNE-UPS

- ☞ Implement computerized fleet maintenance program
- ☞ Follow a maintenance and inspection schedule based on manufacturer recommendations
- ☞ Quickly repair any energy-wasting problems discovered during inspections
- ☞ Develop pre-use checklist to be used weekly/monthly for all city vehicles

KEEP TIRES PROPERLY INFLATED

- ☞ Develop a system for checking tire pressure routinely
- ☞ Consider investing in tire pressure monitoring systems
- ☞ Make sure all tires are always inflated to the correct pressure

BUY MORE FUEL-EFFICIENT, ECO-FRIENDLY VEHICLES

- ☞ Make hybrids (gas/electric) a top consideration when purchasing new vehicles
- ☞ Make fuel economy a top consideration when buying new vehicles

WALK THE 'GREEN' WALK - TALK THE 'GREEN' TALK

- ☞ Make sure all drivers are trained in green driving techniques
- ☞ Have all city employees take defensive driving training

SPECIFIC TO MERIDIAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

- ☞ Install LED light bars on all police cruisers

