

CONSERVATION (Fuel)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Conservation is the careful management, use and preservation of natural resources and the environment. It requires using what we need to perform our jobs and live healthy, comfortable lives without being wasteful.

Oil is not a renewable fuel source. As fuel prices spiral ever upwards, it is important USAG-HI take action to sustain its mission by lowering its fuel consumption and expenditure. Conservation of fuel now will also slow down the depletion of this natural resource.

Executive Order 13693, Planning for Federal Sustainability in the Next Decade calls for a reduction of petroleum product consumption by 2 percent annually, to increase the total fuel consumption that is non-petroleum based by 10 percent annually, and to purchase/use plug-in hybrid (PIH) vehicles when PIH vehicles are available at comparable prices to non-PIH vehicles.

WHAT YOU MUST DO

The following practices will help conserve fuel:

- **Give your GSA vehicle a break.** Carpool, share rides to meetings and combine trips whenever possible to cut down on driving time.
- **Travel light, right-size your fleet and vehicle types.** Lighter cars get better fuel economy. Walk or bike if you can. Don't haul extra weight in the passenger compartment, trunk, or cargo area of your vehicle. A heavier vehicle uses more gasoline.
- **Drive smart.** Slow down. The faster a vehicle travels, the more gas it burns. On the highway wind resistance is your enemy, and the faster you go the tougher the battle. Avoid jackrabbit starts and lead-footed stops-this kills fuel economy as well as your brakes.
- **Tune your ride.** A well-maintained car is more fuel-efficient and produces lower greenhouse gas emissions. Fully inflated tires give you better gas mileage. Follow your monthly GSA vehicle maintenance and oil changes schedule.
- **Time it right.** Leaving for work earlier in the morning or later in the evening will reduce fuel burned in bumper-to-bumper traffic.
- **Reduce idling.** Turn off your engine if your vehicle will be idling in an off-street area for more than 5 minutes. Idle reduction is an easy and effective way to reduce your fuel use, air emissions, and unnecessary wear and tear on engines.

Reduce Fuel
Use by 2%



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Health; Save our Money