

Living **Green** Off-Campus

Commuting to campus: improving the gas mileage in your car

*While we've just scratched the surface of what tenants can do to make their live off-campus greener, I want to spend a little time talking about another area: **commuting to and from campus***



Did you know that one of the easiest ways to improve the gas mileage on your car is by keeping your tires properly inflated. **You can save approximately 3%** on every fill up if you have the air pressure in your tire at the proper level.

When was the last time you checked the pressure in your car's tires? Once a month is a good rule of thumb. Stop by an auto parts store, pick up a tire gauge and keep it in your glove box. It will cost you between \$15 and \$30 for a reliable gauge.



Another way to improve the gas mileage in your car by up to **10%** is to change the air filter. This should be done every 10,000 miles, unless you live in a very dusty area (every 5,000 miles). The price of filters varies for every car, but it's something that most car owners can do themselves. If you're not comfortable diving under the hood of the car, then have your dealer or mechanic take care of this the next time you bring the vehicle in for service.

Here's the absolute best way to save money commuting. **Walk or ride your bike to campus.** If you live within 1 mile of campus, you can fit this type of commuting into your weekly schedule, especially on the nice days. You'll really be reducing your carbon foot print, you'll be getting a nice little workout and you'll have a few extra dollars in your bank account at the end of every week!