

# Gas Prices - What to do

We may not be able to do much about the price, but you can certainly cut your costs!

- Drive less, combine trips, walk where you can, use a bike. The average Canadian car costs \$10,000/year
- A bus ticket (\$2) from Stoney Creek to Dundas *and back* is less than half the cost of gas for the trip
- Gas cost is cut in half when you car pool with just one other person; by two-thirds with two.
- An unlimited monthly city bus pass (\$87) costs less than your monthly vehicle insurance
- To save gas: combine trips, drive slower, avoid idling, keep tires inflated, empty your trunk, avoid fast starts and stops, drive to avoid braking, stay tuned up



All of these steps reduce greenhouse gases and delay more dangerous climate change.

We use so much oil that the cheapest to extract is almost gone. So now companies are drilling kilometres under the oceans (more blowouts inevitable) and exploiting tar sands – which in Canada already produce 100,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions every day – that’s equivalent to ten million cars driving 50 km each!

Our federal government gives over \$1.4 billion each year in subsidies to oil and gas companies that are reporting multi-billions in profits in just the first quarter of this year. The tar sands and the failure to act on climate change mean Canada now has one of the worst reputations in the world.

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**Gas prices are likely to keep going up. Do the right thing.  
Cut the amount you use any way you can.**

- Extreme weather worsened by climate change is already destroying crops and pushing up food prices – causing uprisings in poor countries, and hurting Canadians too.
- Last year 56,000 people died in an unprecedented Russian heat wave that also eliminated wheat sales by the world’s third largest supplier.
- Last year over 20 million people in Pakistan were flooded out, ending food exports from the world’s sixth largest country.
- Floods in some places, droughts in others are the main reason for skyrocketing food prices that have pushed another 44 million people into hunger since last summer
- **The more gas we use, the more harm we do – to people and the environment around the world.**

## Take the pledge:

Replace at least one trip a week with a lower emissions alternative, and support the

**September 24** “Moving Planet” global day of action on climate change  
**(taking place 1-4 pm at Hamilton City Hall)**

Sign up at  
[tinyurl.com/350pledge](http://tinyurl.com/350pledge)

The maximum safe level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is 350 parts per million instead of the 390 the planet has now reached because of human over-consumption. We need to get back to the safe level as quickly as possible.



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