

Saving on the Cost of Running a Family Car

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As a family, owning a car can be a major expense, but it can also be very necessary for getting you to work and school, amongst other things.

The good news is, there are several ways to save on the cost of running a family car, which can make a significant difference to your budget, as you will see below.

Donâ€™t buy fuel at the first place you see

Fuel prices can vary significantly from one gas station to another, so it pays to shop around for the best deals instead of simply buying from the most convenient location. You can even use websites such as [GasBuddy](#) to find the cheapest gas prices in your area, or you can plan your route to take advantage of discounts offered at specific gas stations.

Take good care of your car

Regular maintenance is essential to keep your car running smoothly and to prevent costly breakdowns. Thatâ€™s why you should be regularly checking the brakes, ensuring you have proper [wheel alignment](#), changing the oil, and having a mechanic look her over to ensure your car is in good shape. Youâ€™ll save so much more than you spend if you do.

Get a ride with someone

Carpooling is a great way to save money on fuel and wear and tear on your car. Whether itâ€™s to work, school, or extracurricular activities, carpooling can help you to reduce the number of miles you drive, which can save you money on fuel and wear, and it is much better from the environment. Yes, youâ€™ll have to share the load, but if you get a bunch of people on rotation, you will all save.

Learn to drive more efficiently

The way you drive can have a big impact on fuel efficiency and the cost of running your car. For example, accelerating slowly and braking gently can help to improve fuel efficiency and reduce wear and tear on your car. You can also use cruise control on the highway to maintain a steady speed and save on fuel.

Shop around for car insurance

Car insurance can cost you almost as much as a cheap used car in some cases, so it pays to shop around for the best deals. The good news is, itâ€™s really easy to find the best deals these days by using price comparison sites and not settling for the first quote you find.

Try out car-sharing services

Car-sharing services such as [Zipcar](#) and Car2Go can be a cost-effective alternatives to owning a car. These services allow you to rent a car for a short period of time, which can be a convenient and affordable way to get around, especially if you only need a car occasionally.

Think about fuel efficiency when buying a car

If you're in the market for a new [car](#), consider a fuel-efficient model. Cars with smaller engines, hybrid technology, and electric power can be more fuel-efficient than traditional gas-powered cars, which can save you money on fuel in the long run.

Owning a car can be a significant expense, but, as you can see there are several ways to save money on the cost of running a family car. So, what are you waiting for?

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