



# SAFE COMMUNITIES OF WRIGHT COUNTY

## DRIVER SURVIVAL GUIDE

You can keep yourself, your loved ones, your vehicle,  
and your wallet intact by following a few simple strategies!

- **Observe the Speed Limit**

Gas mileage usually decreases rapidly at speeds above 60 mph. You can figure that with each 5 mph you driver over 60 mph, it is like paying an additional \$0.20 per gallon for gas. Observing the speed limit is also much safer!

- **Drive Sensibly**

Aggressive driving (speeding, rapid acceleration and braking) wastes gas. It can lower your gas mileage by 33% at highway speeds and 5% around town. Sensible driving is also safer for you and others, so you may save more than gas money!

- **Use Cruise Control**

Using cruise control helps you maintain a constant speed and will save you money. Setting your cruise at the speed limit will also help you avoid costly speeding tickets!

- **Keep Tires Properly Inflated**

You can improve your gas mileage by around 3.3 percent by keeping your tires inflated to the proper pressure. Under-inflated tires can lower gas mileage by 0.4 percent for every 1 psi drop in pressure of all four tires. Properly inflated tires are safer and last longer.

- **Keep Your Vehicle Properly Tuned**

Fixing a car that is noticeably out of tune can save you on average of 4% on your miles per gallon. However, something as simple as replacing a clogged air filter can save you up to \$0.30 per gallon on gas and protect your engine.

- **Plan and Combine Trips**

Combining errands into one trip saves you time and money. Several short trips taken from a cold start can use twice as much fuel as a longer multipurpose trip covering the same distance when the engine is warm. Trip planning ensures that traveling is done when the engine is warmed-up and efficient.

By following these tips, not only are you being kind to yourself and your wallet, you are also being kind to the earth by conserving fuel. It just makes sense!

Information cited from US Environmental Protection Agency & Department of Energy