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Summer Road Trip Check List

June 2, 2009 - To make summer travels more hassle-free and enjoyable, while saving money and helping the environment, the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District provides the following tips.

Saving gas saves you money and helps the environment.

- Refuel when it's cool.
- Don't top off your tank – stop at the click.
- Don't let your car idle more than 10 seconds.
- Don't sit in traffic. Travel at times other than rush hour, if possible.
- Avoid lines at drive-thrus.
- Avoid jackrabbit starts and hard stops.
- Try sharing a ride or taking public transportation on your vacation.
- Travel light and keep excess weight out of the trunk to improve gas mileage.

Treat your car well and it will take care of you and the air.

- Keep your tires inflated to the recommended level.
- Get regular tune-ups.
- Make sure your gas cap closes tightly – replace it if it's old.
- Keep your air filter clean.
- Change the oil regularly, as recommended in your owner's manual.

These travel tips are provided by the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District, a public health agency dedicated to protecting human health and property from the harmful effects of air pollution. For more information on air quality, go to www.ysaqmd.org and to receive electronic notifications of local air quality forecasts, sign up at <http://ysaqmd.enviroflash.org>.

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