

# In May

## TASK OF THE MONTH

### Shift your ride...

#### For local travel:

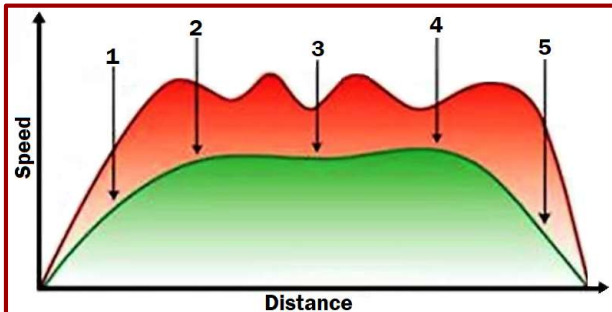
**Drive less:** Cutting back six miles per day saves 2000 miles a year.

- ✓ Take a bus, bike or walk.
- ✓ Carpool to work & church.
- ✓ Combine trips & use GPS.
- ✓ Work or meet from home!

When gasoline combines with oxygen as you drive, each gallon emits 19.6 lbs. of CO<sub>2</sub> in addition to the 5 lbs. of CO<sub>2</sub> the gas had emitted before reaching the pump.

#### Drive more efficiently:

1. Accelerate gently.
2. Maintain a steady speed.
3. Anticipate traffic flow.
4. Avoid speeding!
5. Coast to decelerate.



Plan for your next car to be an EV, a Plugin-Hybrid EV, or an efficient hybrid. Choose a smaller vehicle if possible.

#### For long distance travel:

#### Reduce the impact of air travel



In 2022 aviation accounted for 2% of *global* CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, and 10% of all transportation-related emissions in the US.

The Covid-19 lockdowns lowered airplane emissions, but they have already surpassed 2019 levels.

Low-emission fuels and more efficient aircraft can reduce the impact of flying but aren't expected to keep up with growing demand.

#### TRAVEL TIPS

- ✓ Eliminate one or more professional meetings or business trips.
- ✓ Combine trips to two locations.
- ✓ When you need to fly, try to fly nonstop and fly economy, which allows more seats on a plane.
- ✓ Going on vacation? Look for destinations closer to home.
- ✓ Take a bus or train if time allows, especially for one or two travelers.
- ✓ For a family going under 1000 miles, drive the most efficient car possible instead of flying.



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