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Dear New Yorkers,

Pollution produced by transportation is one of the biggest drivers of climate change in the world right now. Although we all depend on various forms of transportation to live our daily lives, there are many adjustments we can make to reduce the amount of greenhouse gases emitted by the vehicles we use and to reduce the impact they have on our environment. By making small changes in the way we use transportation, we can all do our part to fight climate change. This brochure has many tips to help you drive “green” and may even save you some “green” on every trip.

Sincerely,

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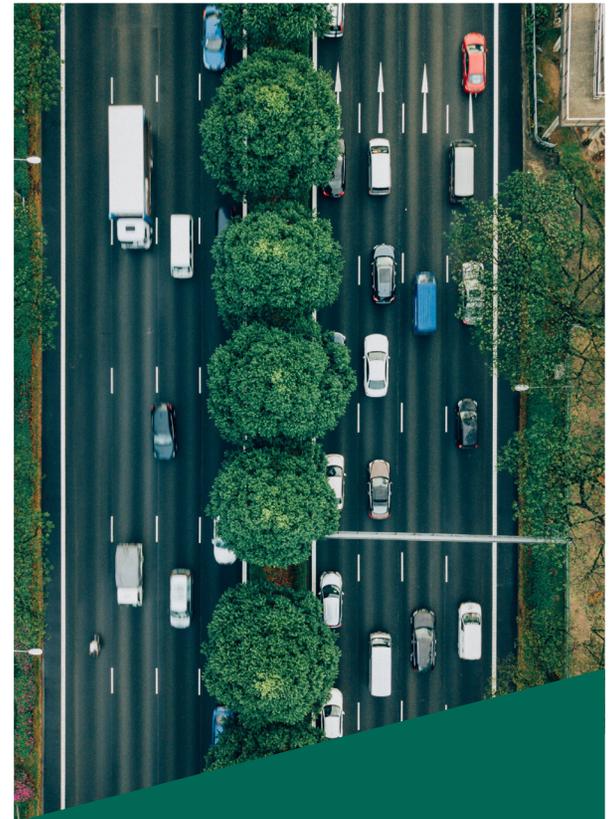
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Green Tips

*Fighting Climate
Change on the Road*



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Transportation is the source of about 1/2 of all climate change pollution emitted in the US — the average car releases 35 pounds of carbon dioxide each day. Driving “green” reduces your contribution to climate change and saves you money.

01. **Green Your Ride**

A car using 20 mpg releases about 50 tons of climate change pollution over its lifetime, one at 40 mpg releases about half that much, and saves about \$3000 in fuel costs. Fuel-efficient, low carbon emission cars on the market serve almost every need. Consider one if you're looking for a new car.

02. **Skip a Trip**

Try cutting out one car trip per week to fight climate change. Skipping a single 20-mile trip each week can cut damaging pollution by 1200 pounds annually — and, in the process, save you over \$100 in gas.

03. **Chill Out**

Jackrabbit starts, speeding, frequent breaking and other forms of aggressive driving can reduce gas mileage by 33% on the highway and 5% in town. This burns 125 extra gallons of gas, costing drivers over \$250 annually and contributing much more climate change pollution than non-aggressive driving.

04. **Share the Road**

A typical 2005 model year car costs about 31¢ per mile in gas, maintenance and depreciation to drive. By carpooling, drivers share these costs and take extra cars off the road. Everyone involved saves fuel and money, and cuts emissions of climate change pollution.

05. **Don't be Idle**

Idling a car gets the worst gas mileage possible: 0 mpg! In fact, idling more than 10 seconds uses more gas, and produces more climate change pollution, than turning on your car and restarting it.

06. **Public Trans-it!**

In general, buses, trains and other forms of public transportation produce half the climate change pollution per passenger mile than private cars. Join the fight for clean air — use public transportation.

07. **Lighten Up**

Check out what's in your trunk. Each extra 100 pounds your car carries can reduce gas mileage by up to 2%. And remember to keep your tires properly inflated at all times — you can improve your gas mileage by up to 3.3%.

08. **Slow it Down**

Exceeding the highway speed limit by just 5 mph can reduce your car's average fuel economy by 6%. Next time you're on the highway, remember that following the speed limit is not only the law — it's good for your wallet and the environment.

09. **Tune it Up**

Keeping your car properly tuned can boost your gas mileage by up to 40% — and save well over \$300 annually. In fact, replacing your air filter alone can result in 10% more miles per gallon.

10. **Spread the Word**

Tell your family and friends how they, too, can help fight climate change on the road.