

From the Compliance Corner:

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Fuel for Thought

National Unleaded Average

	Regular	Mid	Premium	Diesel
Current Avg.	\$2.929	\$3.108	\$3.222	\$3.111
Yesterday Avg.	\$2.936	\$3.117	\$3.231	\$3.111
Month Ago Avg.	\$2.991	\$3.176	\$3.291	\$3.010
Year Ago Avg.	\$2.613	\$2.773	\$2.875	\$2.647

**Prices are in US dollars per gallon*

With the high price of fuel these days close to \$3.00 a gallon there are a lot of things we can do on our own to reduce our consumption of fuel and energy, just on a day to day basis. Here are a few thoughts:

- How about your car? Had a tune up lately, changed the air filter or checked the pressure in your tires? All these things can effect your miles per gallon.
- How about combing those trips to the store to one instead of three?
- Ceiling fans in the house – some say leave them on all the time to reduce energy use in the home and less use of the air conditioner. Electrical companies state that you should only use the ceiling fans in the room you are in.
- Raise the thermostat for your air conditioner to 80 degrees. Sounds pretty warm doesn't it? You would be surprised how you can get use to it after a while. I have!
- Have some insulation blown into the attic to better insulate your home for the summer as well as the winter. I have done this by adding 6" of insulation and it has reduced my electrical bill by 20%.
- Got an extra refrigerator in the garage? These draw a lot of electricity because of the heat in the garage according to the electrical companies. Do you really need it?

Bottom line – Our electrical bill has been reduced by about 30%. By combining trips to town, fuel cost has been reduced by 30%-40%. So it can be done, you save money by just making a few changes. Try it!