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Quickly Find the Cheapest Gas

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With gasoline prices going through the roof and fluctuating by as much as 29 cents a gallon within a city, it's more important than ever to quickly find the cheapest gas. You can't always predict when you'll need to fill up, but with just a little planning and an Internet connection (or a smart phone) you can save hundreds of dollars. For instance, if you fill up your 20-gallon tank once a week at \$4.00 a gallon, you'll spend \$4,160 in a year. (My apologies if you've never calculated that before!) But, if you spent only \$3.71 per gallon, you would save over \$300.

So, how do you find the cheapest gas? Park your browser at www.GasBuddy.com. Here you can find the national and state averages for a gallon of gasoline as well as the price at gas stations right in your neighborhood! Use the search feature to enter your city and state (or zip code) and GasBuddy will provide a list of local stations sorted by the price of their gas. It will even tell you the day and time each price was verified.

Check out these web sites as well to see which one has the best coverage in your area:

www.FuelMeUp.com

www.GasPriceWatch.com

www.Automotive.com/Gas-Prices

www.MotorTrend.com/Gas_Prices

<http://GasPrices.MapQuest.com>

<http://Autos.MSN.com/Everyday/GasStations.aspx>



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And for gas prices on the go, check out these web sites that are compatible with your smart phone:

www.GasBuddyToGo.com

www.MobGas.com

www.ABC7NewsToGo.com/wap/GasPrice

So, log on and “cap” those gas prices!

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