

Tips:

- Put money aside each month to cover occasional car expenses like license, tires, or oil changes.
- Sometimes a phone call can save a trip.
- Study consumer publications and learn as much as you can before making new or used vehicle purchases.
- If you have service or vehicle complaints contact the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Protection hotline:
1-800-422-7128

For more information on planning your family spending, contact your local UW-Extension Family Living staff.

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MM06: Get More for Your Transportation Dollar



Afford Healthy Food Choices with DOLLAR SENSE

How much do I spend for transportation each month?

- car payment \$ _____
 - insurance \$ _____
 - registration/license \$ _____
 - gasoline \$ _____
 - care & repair \$ _____
 - parking \$ _____
 - bus or carpool \$ _____
 - other \$ _____
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- Total** \$ _____

What are other occasional expenses?

- oil changes \$ _____
- tires/set \$ _____
- registration \$ _____
- battery \$ _____
- other \$ _____

What are some ideas for keeping my costs down?

- Don't ride when you can walk or ride a bike.
- Look for insurance savings.
- Plan your spending—and your trips—and live within the plan.

A master calendar kept on the refrigerator works for one family for planning activities to save trips, time...and money!

- Carpool when possible.
- Consider a smaller car that gets good gas mileage.
- Take good care of your car to avoid costly repairs and increase its resale value.

Exchanging service with others or learning to do some service yourself can save costly labor charges.

- Find the cheapest bus ticket that meets your needs.
- Avoid costly fines by driving the speed limit, parking for time permitted and registering car by deadline