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There are ways of getting more of your money's worth for every gallon of gasoline that you buy.

Here are a couple of additional tips from industry insiders on how to get the best value for your gasoline dollars.

According to petroleum experts – in addition to remembering that there's a right time of day to fill the tank - early in the morning when the ground temperature's still cold because gas is denser when cold, expands and gets "fatter" (puts less in your tank) when warm – there's also a right speed when pumping.

Pumping slowly is better. Filling your tank slowly means not squeezing the trigger of the nozzle to the highest fill speed. If you pump at the low slower speed, the amount of vapors created is minimized. If you pump at the fast rate, petroleum specialists say some of the liquid that goes into your tank becomes vapors. Since all hoses at gas stations have a vapor return, those vapors are being sucked up and back into the underground storage tank. Translation: You're getting less gas and therefore getting less for your money.

Gas prices are fluctuating a lot. The area of the country that has seen the most volatility in prices according to GasBuddy.com is the Midwest. The biggest reason for the roller coaster in prices is gasoline supply. There's just "not enough being produced" and there's very little regulation on the oil industry.

I don't know what you're paying at the gas pump these days – but it's too high. You can find the cheapest gas in your neighborhood <http://gasprices.mapquest.com/> or the lowest gas prices in the nation and Canada <http://gasbuddy.com/> with just a click of your mouse.

Here's to your health and wealth.

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