

Gas prices are on their way up. More than 30-cents a gallon in some places. Viewers may be thinking about an old app that helps save money. Now Gas Buddy can save you even more.

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ANCHOR INTRO

GAS PRICES ARE ON THE RISE THANKS TO HURRICANE HARVEY. 10 OIL REFINERIES WERE SHUTDOWN DUE TO DAMAGE AND NATIONWIDE, PRICES HAVE RISEN TEN CENTS IN THE LAST WEEK.

AND FOR PEOPLE TRAVELING OVER THE LONG WEEKEND, YOU COULD BE FORCED TO SPEND A LOT MORE THAN YOU DID LAST WEEK. BUT OUR CONSUMER TECHNOLOGY REPORTER JAMEY TUCKER SAYS THERE'S A NEW WAY TO SAVE MONEY ON GAS WITH 'THE APP OF THE DAY'.

PACKAGE

Gas buddy is one of those apps you may have had on your phone for years. It compares prices in the area and shows you where gas is cheapest. There's a new feature with this app that will save you 15-cents a gallon at least once.

Gas Buddy introducing a new payment system. Rather than using the credit or debit card you have now, you pay through Gas Buddy. It connects with your checking out...just like a debit card. When you gas up, it automatically deducts the purchase from your bank balance. What's nice is that it automatically lowers the price of the gas by 5 cents a gallon.

If you have a big car or SUV, you might save a dollar per fill up which would up over the course of a year. Gas Buddy says most people will save up to 340 dollars a year. there's no charge to sign up. if you do, they'll send you a payment card tied to your bank. Your first fill-up using the card will save you 15-cents a gallon. After that, it's 5 cents. it only works with 4 banks at the moment

I should mention that the Gas Buddy payment card does not work with store loyalty cards. Those cards that save you money based on how much you spend buying groceries, so you might save more money that way. still, it can help you find the lowest gas price in your area. I'm Jamey Tucker and Gas Buddy is the App of the Day

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THE GAS BUDDY APP IS FOR IPHONES AND ANDROID DEVICES. YOU'LL FIND IT IN THE APP STORES. YOU DON'T NEED THE APP TO SIGN UP FOR THE PAYMENT CARD.

WEB STORY

Gas prices are on the rise and suddenly, people are paying more attention to which stations have the lowest price. The Gas Buddy app aims to help you with that search.

Gas Buddy has been around for a very long time and it had a place on many phones years ago. Open the app and it shows you prices for stations near you. Those prices are updated by other consumers. It'll show the price for all grades and will give directions to the station you choose.

Now Gas Buddy has introduced a new feature aimed at saving you more money. Gas Buddy has a payment card which is used just like your debit or credit card. Once you sign up the card is connected to your bank or checking account. When you get gas and pay with the card the payment comes out of your checking account just like a debit card.

When the money comes out of your account you'll save 5-cents for each gallon you buy. For example, if you buy 10 gallons of gas at \$2.50/gallon, rather than spending \$25, your checking account is charged \$24.50, a savings of 50 cents.

Gas Buddy says most consumers will save \$340 a year with the new payment plan. The payment card works only with 3 banks at the moment: Wells Fargo, Bank of America, Chase and Citi Bank.

The app works on both iPhones and Android devices but you can also sign up for the card from your computer at www.gasbuddy.com. We should note that the card does not work at stations with loyalty cards, so if you're saving 50-cents already by shopping for groceries at the store, you'll save more money the way you're paying for gas now.