

What's the Worst Day for Traffic?

According to a national survey that studied traffic times via a GPS system:

- Worst traffic day: Friday
- Worst weekday commute: Friday evening
- Worst commuting hour: Friday, 5 to 6 p.m.
- Worst morning commute: Wednesday
- Weekday with least traffic: Monday
- Best weekday commuting hour: Friday, 6 to 7 a.m.
- Best weekday afternoon: Monday



Of course, one way you don't have to worry about traffic at all is to rideshare – use the carpool lane and you can get to work faster no matter what day it is! Find a carpool partner, a vanpool or a bus/rail route at CommuteSmart.info.

The New Clean Car Label

Beginning Jan. 1, 2009, all new cars sold in California will carry a label that let you know the state's assessment of the vehicle's environmental impact. Labels will provide two scores on a 1-10 scale: a smog score and a global warming score. The average new car will score a five on both scales – the higher the score, the less impact the car has on the environment.



In Brief

How Long Do You Have to Work for a Tank of Gas?

You may think about how much you have to *drive* to get to *work* – but how much do you have to *work* in order to *drive*? CNN offers a new online calculator that shows you how many hours you have to put in at the office to make enough money to pay for a tank of gas. Try it at cnn.com (or link from metrolinktrains.com).



Rising Gas Prices Causing Family Hardship

A recent Associated Press-Yahoo! news poll showed that 90% of those surveyed are expecting soaring gas prices to squeeze them financially over the next six months. Nearly half think that the hardship will be serious. To cope, most are driving less and finding ways to save money elsewhere, according to the poll. Half are cutting back on vacation plans; nearly as many are considering buying cars that burn less gas.

