

5 Ideas to Save Like a Pro



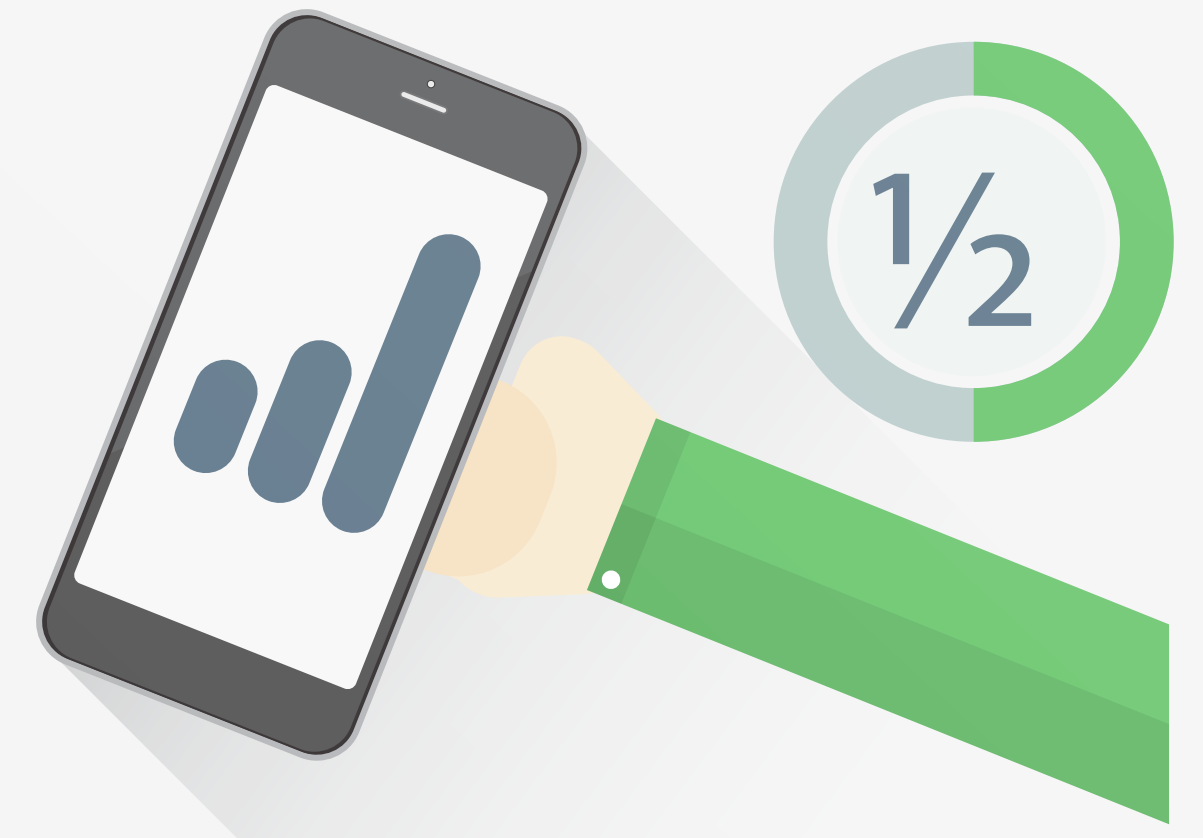
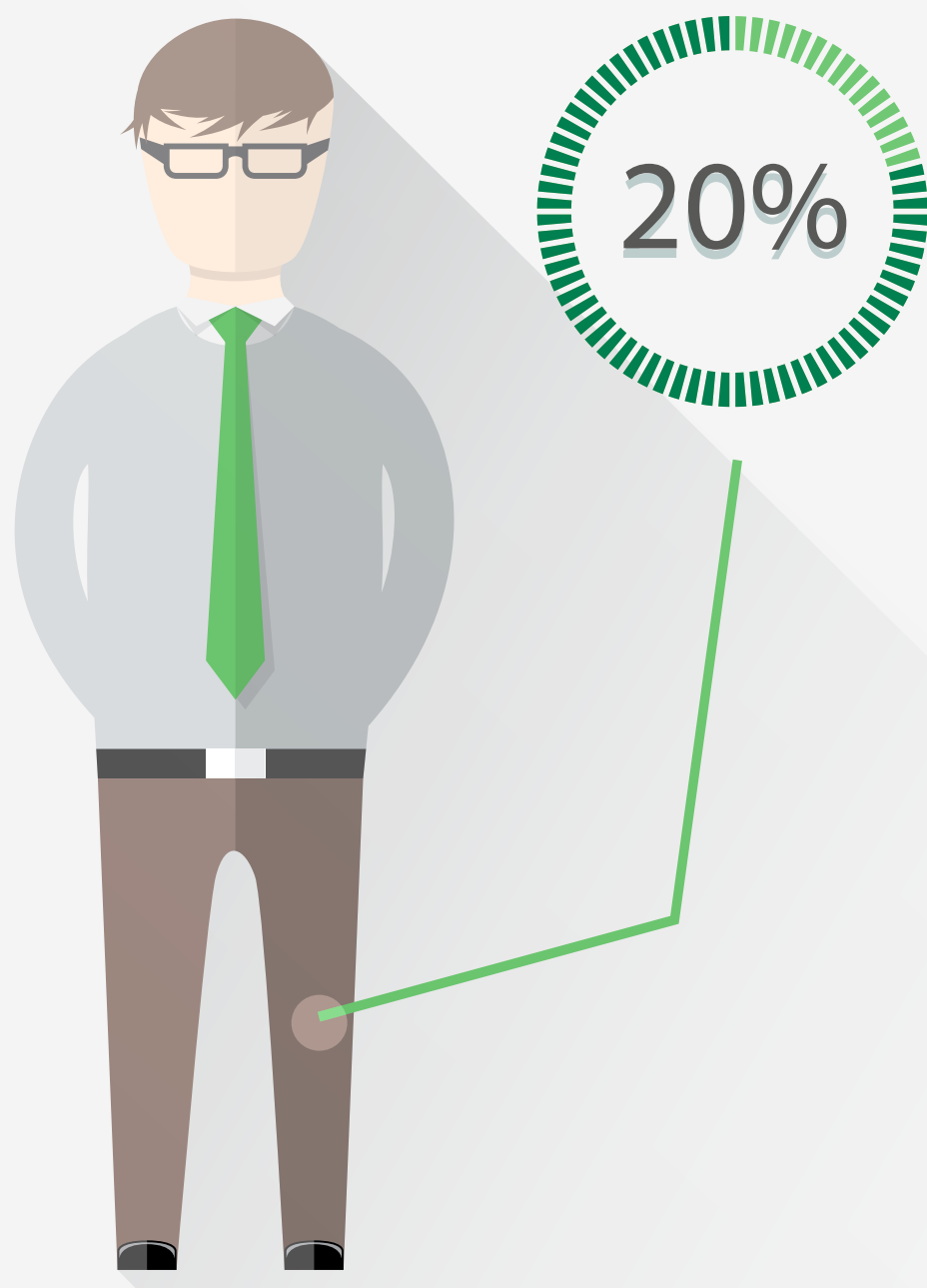
Cell Phone Strategy

Nothing to Wear?

Did you know that the average person only wears 20% of their clothes regularly?

Before taking a trip to the mall, do an inventory of what you've got in your closet.

Odds are you have a lot of items in the bottom drawer that never get worn, so try mixing up your wardrobe and you just might find some new outfits.



The big cell services aren't your only choice, but they want you to think they are.

You can get quality service for 1/2 the price with smaller competitors that use the same networks as the better known companies.

Instead of locking into a contract or upgrading and getting stuck for a year or more, check out prepaid and "bring your own phone" plans.

You can find deals on unlocked used and refurbished cell phones, especially if you're willing to get a slightly older model.

If you're stuck in an expensive contract, call and ask when it expires and how much it would cost to cancel.

Christmas Year Round

Black Friday and CyberMonday are hyped up, but sometimes the best deals are during the rest of the year when business is slower for retailers.

If you come across a really good buy that could make a gift for family or friends, do a little holiday shopping in the off-season.

Don't forget to buy seasonal items, like Easter cards or Christmas decorations, in the days right after the holiday while the prices are slashed and the stock is still available.

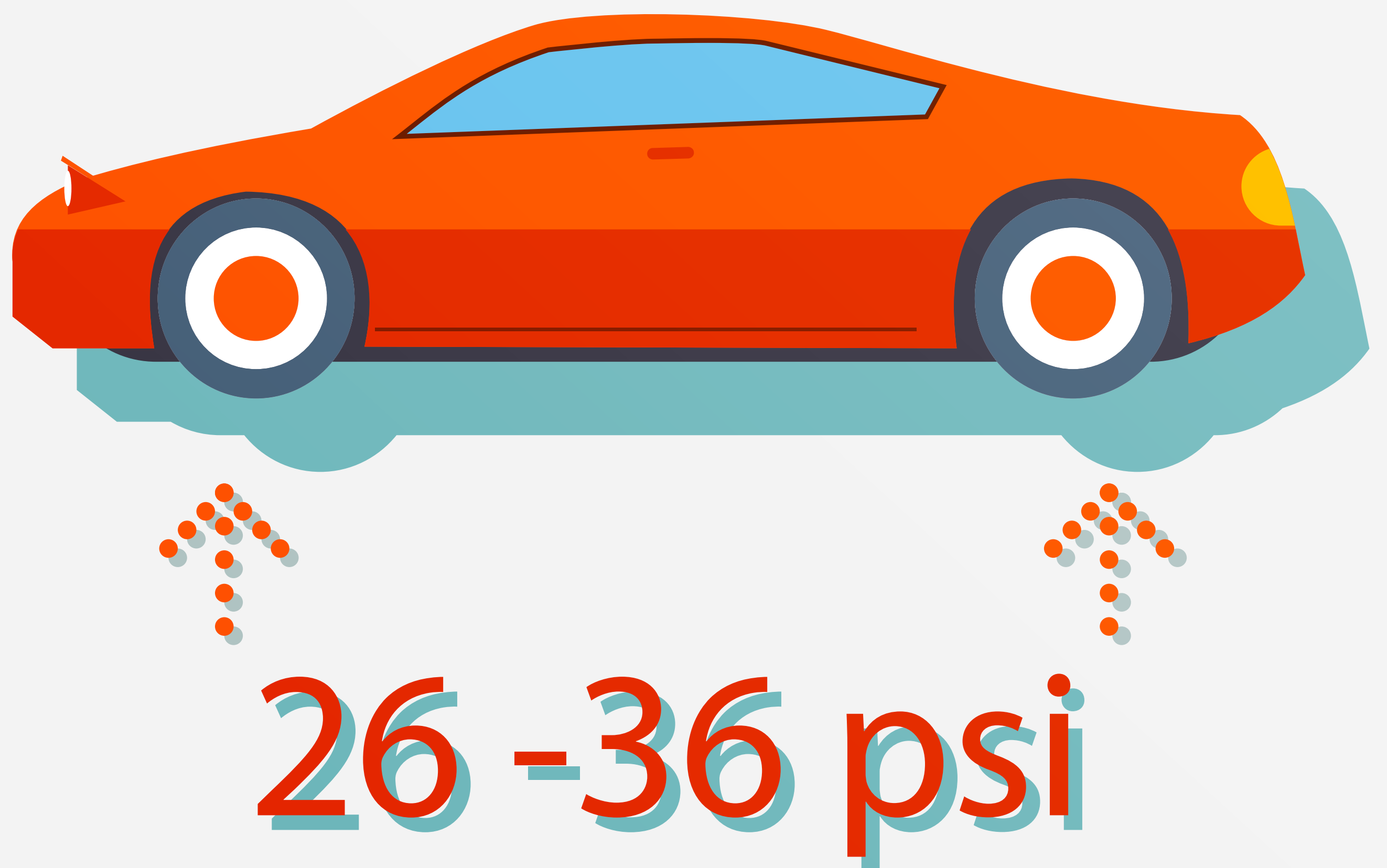


Pump Up!

If you drive to work, don't forget to keep your tires pumped up to their correct pressure.

The engine in a car with under-inflated tires has to work a lot harder.

That means wasted money at the gas pump and a shorter life for your car! Check the label on your tires or look at your car manual: most tires hold 26 to 36 psi. You can buy a cheap pressure gauge or use one at the gas station.



Seal



The Deal



Being energy efficient means not letting your money slip out windows, doors, or cracks...literally!

Every door or window you can pull a dollar bill through without pulling hard is an opening that you could weatherstrip to save money on hot or cold days.

Buy some caulk, sealant, or weatherstripping tape at the hardware store or a discount store and you'll save bit by bit for years to come.

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Start saving more for the people who need you the most.

