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GasBuddy - Find Cheap Gas

Price: Free

Developer: GasBuddy.com

For: Android and iPhone

With gasoline prices on the rise, GasBuddy is a free app that will appeal to both parents and teenagers alike. It not only locates gas stations wherever you are, it also finds the least expensive gas. This app is remarkably simple to use. Once you open the menu you simply press 'find gas near me.' After a quick search, GasBuddy loads all the gas stations nearest to you. This can be very useful if you are traveling and getting low on gas. Bobby Taylor, a student at Miramonte, commented, "GasBuddy has helped me find gas stations whenever I go to visit colleges, friends or need to travel for extracurricular activities." In addition, the app gives you the options to sort the stations by price, distance from you, and type of fuel. Once you click on a particular gas station, accurate directions are quickly loaded.

Testing this app in the Lamorinda area showed some differing prices for regular unleaded. For example, in the Moraga area, Lamorinda

Gasoline's price of \$3.95/gal is 14 cents cheaper than Chevron's \$4.09. Lafayette's '76 is also at \$4.09. Depending on how often and how much you fill up, this free app could save you a nice little chunk of change. Douglas McKinley said this is a "cool and easy way to save some money."

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