

Fuel shortages

Fuel availability across the UK is usually very good. A shortage could, however, occur at any time due to a variety of different circumstances including, fuel supply, delivery, or transportation issues.

Shortages can be worsened as people often react by purchasing more fuel than they actually need.

Who is most at risk?

A lack of fuel could disrupt your daily activities including getting to and from work.

It could also affect businesses, essential services, and schools who rely on fuel to operate.



Remember

If you store fuel be especially careful. Fuel should only be stored in approved containers. Always follow the advice from the fire service on the safe storage of fuel.



What can you do before, during and after?

Before

- ✓ Plan ahead – familiarise yourself with alternative travel options including public transport services operating in your area.
- ✓ Increase fuel efficiency – motoring organisations such as the AA & RAC have top tips to help you improve your car's fuel economy.
- ✓ If you run a business or provide an essential service, plan how you would continue to operate if you were not able to purchase fuel.



During

- ✓ Listen and watch local and national news for guidance on what to do during any fuel shortage.
- ✓ Plan ahead before making any journeys – ensure you take the shortest route, avoid congested areas, and have enough fuel to complete your whole journey.
- ✓ Limit your vehicular travel as much as possible – cut back on non-essential trips by combining errands, using public transport, sharing lifts, walking, cycling, and working from home where possible.
- ✓ Be alert: during fuel shortages criminals may try to steal fuel from homes, vehicles, and businesses.

After

- ✓ Look at ways to reduce your own or your business' dependency on fuel.
- ✓ Review options you could take during future fuel shortages.