

Should Canada Ban Fossil Fueled Automobiles?

Yes

*Here are some of the reasons why people might argue that Canada **should** ban the sale and manufacturing of fossil fueled automobiles.*

Reduces Canada's greenhouse gas emissions

Banning the sale of fossil fueled vehicles would significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions. In 2023, Transport Canada reported that the road transportation sector made up 18% of Canada's total greenhouse gas emissions. [Canada has a responsibility](#), both domestically and globally, to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions in alignment with the international Paris Agreement and the Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act.

Sets Canada up for future success

As much of the world transitions away from fossil fuels, this kind of policy would be a push towards the Canadian automobile industry to do the same. Transitioning away from fossil fueled cars and toward more environmentally sustainable alternatives would ensure the longevity of Canada's automotive industry. Moreover, this policy would allow Canada to step up as a climate leader on the global stage.

Lower operating costs

Once purchased, electric vehicles have a significantly cheaper operating cost. The Government of Canada [estimates](#) that charging an electric vehicle costs 5-10 times less than filling up on gas or diesel. Moreover, it is estimated that electric vehicles cost 40-50% less to maintain than fossil fueled cars, which require regular maintenance that electric cars do not, such as engine tuneups and oil changes.

Read More:

- [Gasoline versus electric cars? Here's how their life cycle emissions compare in Canada](#) | Canada's National Observer
- [Discover how you can save money with an electric vehicle](#) | Government of Canada