

## **FEDS NEED TO TAKE ACTION TO REDUCE GAS PRICES OR U.S. FAMILIES WILL BE RUINED!**

Gas prices are expected to increase 14% this summer compared to last. That would push the average price for a gallon of gas in California to just over \$4.

The Energy Information Administration released the report Tuesday. The agency considers April until September the summer driving season.

Summer prices are typically higher due to consumer demand; however, this spike is mostly due to higher crude oil prices.

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Last summer drivers nationwide paid \$2.41 for a gallon of regular gas. This summer the average is expected to be \$2.74 a gallon. That's a 33 cent increase. On April 11, 2018, according to AAA, the average gallon of regular gas costs \$2.66.

The prices are much higher in California. AAA reports drivers statewide are paying an average of \$3.52 a gallon. Last month we paid \$3.37 a gallon. A year ago at this time the price per gallon was \$2.99.

This region is seeing a bit of a break. Sacramento drivers are currently paying \$3.43 a gallon. Stockton's average price is \$3.42 a gallon. Modesto comes in with the lowest price at \$3.35 a gallon.

California recorded its highest average price on October 9, 2012 when drivers paid \$4.67 a gallon.