Tips to help maximize hybrid efficiency

**Chill out**
Aggressive driving can lower gas mileage by 33% in highway and 5% in city settings, while smooth acceleration and braking can save 2%.

**Travel light**
Avoid driving over 70 mph as it reduces fuel efficiency by up to 15%.

**Idle less**
Leaving your car idling can burn a quarter to half a gallon of fuel per hour, depending on the engine size and if the AC is on.

**Avoid extremes**
Battery cooling: The high-heat performance of batteries means lowering the engine and radiator temperature can prolong battery life. Avoid parking in direct sunlight, and use the center (not rear) window to cool the battery.

**De-accessorize**
Extra weight, such as roof racks, cargo or extra seats, can reduce fuel economy. Off-road tires are also more fuel-intensive.

**Stay inflated**
Underinflated tires can increase fuel consumption by 1%. Properly inflated tires improve fuel efficiency by 1%. Check tire pressure when the tires are cold.

**Right-size tires**
Using larger tires or oversized tires can increase weight and rolling resistance, affecting fuel economy.

**Stay off the roof**
Surfing on the roof is not only dangerous but can increase wind resistance and decrease fuel efficiency.

**Brake smoothly**
Smooth and steady braking can save fuel and improve efficiency. Avoid hard braking and accelerating.

**Anticipate traffic**
Keep an eye on traffic conditions to avoid sudden braking and acceleration, which can cause your vehicle to switch to the gasoline engine and reduce fuel efficiency.

**Charge up**
Charge your battery as much as possible, even while driving if possible, to prevent low battery causing the engine to cut off.

**Precondition**
On plug-in hybrids, schedule the vehicle to store or charge the battery at the coldest temperature to ensure optimal performance.