## Alternative Fuels & Advanced Vehicles Data Center

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## **Mobile Alternative Fueling Station Locator**

## www.afdc.energy.gov/stations/m/

Driving cross-country or even around town in an alternative fuel vehicle used to require work ahead of time to find the nearest fueling station—but not anymore. Consumers and fleets can now access the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Alternative Fueling Station Locator on-the-go using their cell phones, BlackBerrys, or other personal handheld devices.

The Mobile Alternative Fueling Station Locator allows drivers to find the five closest biodiesel, electricity, E85 (ethanol), hydrogen, natural gas, and propane fueling sites. It uses familiar, easy-to-navigate Google technology to map fueling stations, list each station's contact information and business hours, and provide detailed driving directions and an instant phone connection.

The mobile locator pulls data from DOE's Alternative Fueling Station Locator, a comprehensive online tool that's been available on the Alternative Fuels and Advanced Vehicles Data Center (AFDC) Web site for almost a decade. The mobile locator uses a subset of the original tool's functionality and converts it to make it easy to use on handheld devices. Additional enhancements available for BlackBerry users include an "Add to My BlackBerry" function that allows one-click access to the mobile locator without having to type in the Web address; and for users with GIS-enabled BlackBerrys, the tool instantly generates maps based on real-time, actual location.

The goal of the mobile locator is convenience, says Dennis Smith, national director of DOE's Clean Cities program, which funds the AFDC.

"Most drivers don't realize alternative fuels are readily available in their areas, so the Mobile Alternative Fueling Station Locator shows them that alternative fueling sites are conveniently located," Smith says. "Mobile access to this useful tool means consumers can find alternative fuel sites at their convenience, whenever and wherever they want."

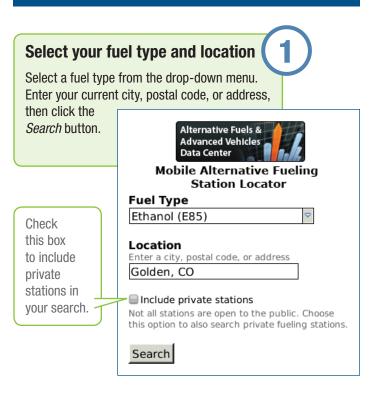
To use the Mobile Alternative Fueling Station Locator on your cell phone, Blackberry, or personal handheld device, visit *www. afdc.energy.gov/stations/m/.* Then follow these three easy steps.

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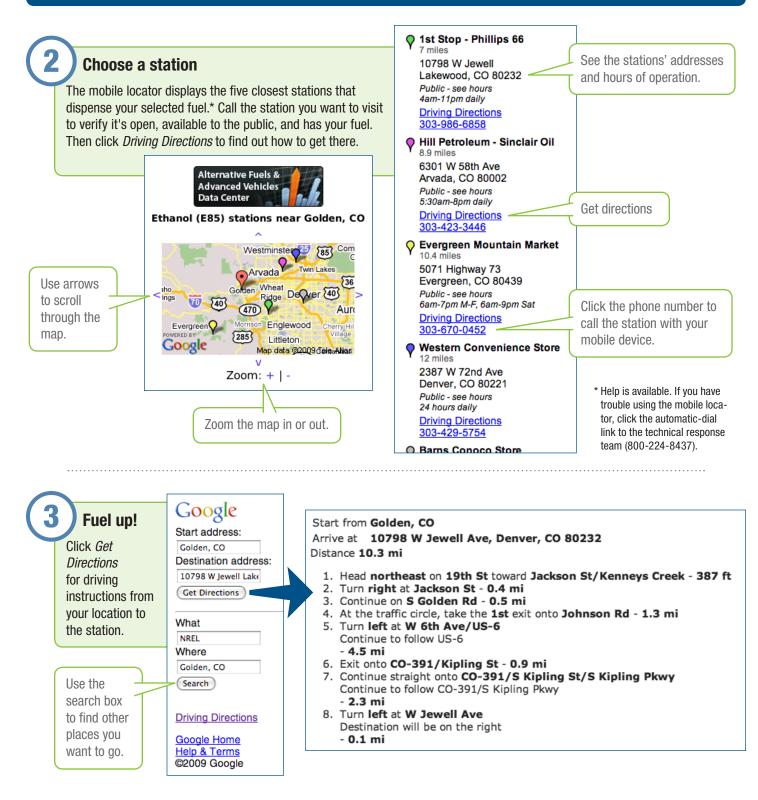


The mobile locator puts alternative fueling stations in the palm of your hand.

## Finding Stations: As Easy as 1-2-3



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