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A letter-writer maintains that speed bumps increase car fuel consumption and emissions, and should only be installed at school and park zones.

## Unwanted bumps on the road

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Why is it that with today's pressure on us to help save our planet from global warming, our local municipalities continue to install speed humps on our roads?

Those hated bumps not only increase traffic noise from braking and accelerating, they make vehicles consume more fuel and emit more emissions from doing so.

Studies have proven that comparing a car driving at a steady 50 km/h versus one slowing and accelerating for speed humps, emissions increased dramatically. Think about this the next time you are on a road with speed humps.

Try to imagine the same road without the humps and your car simply coasting along.

Now notice how you have to brake and accelerate again and again for each hump.

Yes, you are using more of that expensive fuel and consequently you are pumping out more pollution.

Didn't any of the municipal engineers think of this? We are bombarded with all sorts of guilt to save fuel and cut emissions while more and more speed humps are being installed.

Now don't get me wrong, I think the humps are great for such things as crosswalks, but seeing that some entire streets are covered with the humps why are they not put in all school and park zones where they are really needed?

Now that to me would seem like acceptable grounds for some extra fuel consumption and all the other negatives associated with speed humps.

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