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Finding a carpool partner

Recruiting riders is easy. Contact co-workers and neighbors, talk to your Employee Transportation Coordinator (ETC) or post a sign in your car window or on bulletin boards at work.

RideshareOnline.com is another great place to find a carpool partner. RideshareOnline.com is a free, confidential ridematching service that will provide you with names of people with similar schedules and destinations. Go to www.RideshareOnline.com and click on Ridematch, follow the instructions and you will be on your way.



Tips for a successful carpool

After you find a carpool partner, now you need to figure out who's going to drive and when. If everyone takes turns driving, decide if you want to alternate on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis. If there are more than two of you in your carpool, designate a back-up driver in case someone's unable to drive during their rotation.

If each person in the carpool takes a turn at driving, then there's no need to charge. If only one person drives, however, you'll want to charge each rider a reasonable fare. Here's one way to do it:

$$\frac{\text{Carpool Roundtrip Mileage} \times \text{Cost per Mile (56.6¢)*}}{\div \text{Number of Carpoolers}} = \text{Daily Fare per Rider}$$

* AAA "2010 Your Driving Cost." Figures subject to change. Check www.aaa.com for current figures.

Be sure to determine if you prefer door-to-door service or meeting at one central location, such as a park-and-ride lot. Establish your morning and evening pick up times. Then plan your route!

The best way to keep your carpool running smoothly is by working out some carpool rules in advance. Decide how to handle issues like smoking, eating and drinking in the car, the radio, waiting times for tardy riders, seating arrangements, car maintenance (a clean car is a happy car), and driving rotation. Agree on how to handle vacations and bad weather. And don't forget to give everyone a list with each carpooler's home and work phone numbers, in case of illness or emergency.

For additional information on starting a carpool, go to www.Mycommute.org and click on Commute Options.

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