

Carpooling Benefits Us All

Are you looking for ways to save money? Would you like to make new friends or spend more time with the friends you already have? Do you dread your daily commute?

You may want to consider sharing your ride with someone else, or carpooling.

Carpooling provides many benefits to **name your town or area**. People who carpool save money on gas and wear and tear on their vehicles. Carpooling also reduces congestion on our roads, helps improve air quality, and eases competition for limited parking, while providing social benefits by bringing people together and helping those in our community who may not be able to get around on their own. **[Delete those benefits that do not apply to your community and add others that do, as appropriate.]**

Commuting together to work can relieve you from driving duty at least part of the time and give you someone to pass the time with. Even if you don't regularly commute for work, you can still share your ride as you run errands or make other trips: invite a friend to go grocery shopping with you or offer a ride to an elderly neighbor who doesn't drive.

[Add information here about programs/facilities in your community (e.g., carpool bulletin boards, park and ride lots, etc.).]

Carpooling is a simple way to improve the quality of life in **Your City/County**. Carpooling is a win-win-win proposition — you win by saving gas money and making new friends, others win by getting a ride when they may not have had one before, and the community wins with less traffic congestion and better air quality.

For tips on getting started and more information on local carpool options, **contact/visit URL, email, and/or phone number**.

Who can you share *your* ride with?

Submitted by **XXXXXX**.

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