



**Carpooling** isn't just about sharing rides. It's about individuals stepping up as leaders by driving colleagues – building a stronger team and community.

## Benefits of Carpooling

1. **Flexibility:** Carpooling can be on occasion, daily, or as a backup plan for times when you may experience vehicle issues. Carpool arrangements can be tailored to fit your schedule.
2. **Save Money:** Splitting the cost of fuel and parking among fellow commuters significantly reduces your transportation expenses.
3. **Stress Reduction:** Tired of navigating traffic alone? Research shows that sharing the ride with fellow workers can lower stress levels and boost morale.
4. **Do Your Part for the Environment:** Fewer cars on the road means reduced emissions and less pollution. By carpooling, you're actively contributing to a cleaner, greener planet.

## Carpooling Guidelines

1. **Create a Schedule:** Establish a schedule and share contact information to avoid confusion.
2. **Agree on Pick-up Locations and Times:** Determine whether to pick up riders at their homes or meet at a central location and decide on pick-up times.
3. **Set Rules:** Establish rules regarding lateness, and other circumstances. Decide how long you'll wait for latecomers, and how you will communicate absences and/or confirm the days you will ride.
4. **Payment Policies:** Reach consensus on payment arrangements. Agree to upfront payments to prevent falling behind and potentially straining carpool relationships within the group.
5. **Commute Stops:** Ensure that the commute serves its purpose; no unnecessary stops.
6. **Agree on Preferences:** Discuss music, smoking, scents (odors), seating, and other preferences beforehand.
7. **Have a Backup Plan:** Establish a protocol for unexpected illness, emergencies, or car issues. This allows carpool members to ensure a timely arrival to work.
8. **Insurance:** Driver's maintain an up-to-date auto insurance card in the vehicle.

**Everyone in carpools registered with RideFinders are eligible for 4 Free Guaranteed Rides Home.**

Kick-start your carpooling journey and experience the benefits of pooling! Create your commuter profile and register your carpool by calling or online at [RideFinders.org](http://RideFinders.org). Our team can help you through the process and provide any assistance needed to get started.

RideFinders provides direct customer service to carpool and vanpool participants.

Carpool members should direct their inquiries or concerns to [RideFinders@mct.org](mailto:RideFinders@mct.org), or by calling **314-621-7433**.