

## **Carpooling Benefits**

Driving takes a big bite out of your budget and your time. Because the average household in the region travels approximately 39 miles each day, when gas is \$3.00 per gallon the average household is paying \$5.32 each day for gasoline alone. Additionally, the average commuter spends an extra 39 hours per year on the road due to gridlock.

Carpooling saves money and reduces congestion on our roads and highways. It also gives you the opportunity to develop new friendships with co-workers or other commuters. There are a number of benefits when two or more people share a ride in one vehicle.

### **Benefits of carpooling:**

- Carpooling can save you hundreds and even thousands of dollars a year as it reduces the costs involved in repetitive or long-distance driving.
- It reduces the stress of your commute and allows you to read, relax, or even work while commuting.
- Carpooling enables some families to cut back to one car or to do without a car at all.
- If you don't have a car or don't drive, carpooling allows you to consider jobs throughout the area.
- Carpooling can provide you with new friendships and company for your commute.
- Carpooling reduces air pollution and traffic congestion, something that benefits all of us!
- Carpooling helps to combat rising traffic congestion, by filling the extra seats in your car, there are fewer drivers, and therefore fewer cars crowding the roads.

### **More On Carpooling A to Z:**

- [Starting a Carpool](#)
- [Get Into a Carpool With DriveLessConnect](#)
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