

Info and Tips for Ridesharing

Why Ridesharing? Ridesharing is a smart choice for commuters who lack convenient public transit. Share your commute and enjoy a more affordable, sustainable, and social way to get to work.

Benefits

- Save money
- Reduce stress
- Cut carbon emissions
- Meet new people
- Drive less and extend your vehicle's life

Here are some tips for starting a rideshare

- Figure out logistics, including who's driving and pickup points
- Set ground rules about music, food or drinks, etc.
- Determine how to split up costs and a payment method
- Make a carpool schedule
- Enjoy the ride!



More Tips to Get Your Ridesharing Wheels Spinning

- **Start small.** Try carpooling one day a week and build from there.
- **Meet first.** Connect in a public place (like a coffee shop) before committing.
- **Keep it flexible.** Agree to a trial run and reassess anytime.
- **Set payment expectations.** Rotate driving or split costs (gas, tolls, parking, wear and tear). Check AAA's cost-to-drive estimates for guidance.
- **Choose a meetup spot.** Park-and-Ride lots, street corners, or homes all work—pick what's convenient.
- **Respect preferences.** Some riders prefer quiet mornings.
- **Be punctual.** Agree on wait times in advance.
- **Set ground rules.** Music, food, and other basics—align early.
- **Have a communication plan.** Plan for sick days, vacations, or car trouble.
- **Prioritize safety.** Keep vehicles clean, maintained, and drive responsibly.
- **Plan for emergencies.** Whatcom Transportation Authority offers Emergency Ride Home for Smart Trips participants—log your trips to qualify.



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