

Register for Ridesharing Today!

No Membership Fees! No Commitments!

Finding a carpool/vanpool partner is easy with Commuter Connections. Simply apply online, fill out and mail the following application, or call **1-800-745-RIDE**. In turn, we'll send you a matchlist of potential carpool/vanpool partners, or you can view it online.

Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

County of Residence _____

Home Phone Number _____

E-mail _____

Employer/Agency _____

Work Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

County of Workplace _____

Work Phone Number _____

I start work at _____ a.m. and stop work at _____ p.m.

I can arrive _____ minutes before or _____ minutes after my normal work time.

I can leave _____ minutes before or _____ minutes after my normal work time.

Which of the following do you use to get to work? (check all that apply)

☐ Drive Alone ☐ Carpool ☐ Vanpool ☐ Bicycle ☐ Walk

☐ BUS (specify bus system & route # – ex: Metrobus Route 9A) _____

☐ Metrorail (circle all that apply) Blue Green Orange Red Silver Yellow

☐ MARC (circle all that apply) Brunswick Camden Penn

☐ VRE (circle all that apply) Manassas Fredericksburg

☐ Other (specify) _____

Information and Schedules Please send me information about:

☐ Metrorail/Bus Information ☐ HOV/Express Lanes ☐ SmarTrip

☐ Telework/Telecommute ☐ Local Bus Transit ☐ Bicycling

☐ Commuter Rail (VRE/MARC) ☐ MTA Transit

If interested in a carpool, would you prefer to:

☐ Drive Only ☐ Ride Only ☐ Share Driving

If interested in a vanpool, would you prefer to:

☐ Drive Only ☐ Ride Only ☐ Share Driving



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10 Tips for Successful
Carpooling/Vanpooling

- 1 Determine Your Route and Schedule.** Designate daily pickup points for all carpoolers on the way to and from work.
- 2 Draw Up a Schedule for Driving Responsibilities.** If carpool members alternate driving, decide whether your group alternates on a daily, weekly or monthly basis.
- 3 Establish a Method for Reimbursing Driving Expenses.** If carpool members do not equally share the driving responsibilities, determine how the costs will be shared and agree on payment dates.
- 4 Be Punctual.** Determine how long the driver is expected to wait for riders. In the case of home pickups, do not honk and disturb neighbors if a rider is running late.
- 5 Set Policies.** Your carpool will have a better chance of succeeding if possible sources of irritation are discussed from the start, including a smoking policy, the type and volume of music played, and whether food and drinks are allowed.
- 6 Make Carpooling Serve One Purpose.** If the carpool is for commuting to and from work, do not let it become a shopping or errand service.
- 7 Establish a Chain of Communication.** If a driver is ill or will not be going to work on a given day, an alternate driver should be notified. Similarly, if a rider is ill or will not be working, the driver should be contacted as soon as possible.
- 8 Drive Carefully and Keep the Vehicle in Good Repair.** Keep in mind that other people are involved. Drivers should not speed, use alcohol, or act in a reckless manner. The vehicle should be kept clean and safe at all times.
- 9 Respect Your Fellow Carpoolers.** This is especially important in the morning when many people prefer quiet time.
- 10 Let Commuter Connections Help You Find a Replacement if You Lose a Carpool Member.** Our free ridematch service is a great resource to assist with locating potential carpool partners.

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Ridematching Network

Alexandria GO Alex
Anne Arundel County
Baltimore City Department of Transportation
Baltimore Metropolitan Council
Bethesda Transportation Solutions
Fairfax County Commuter Services
Food and Drug Administration
Frederick County Transit Services
George Washington Regional Commission
Harford Commute Smart
Howard County Go Howard
Loudoun County Commuter Services
Maryland Transit Administration
Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
Montgomery County Commuter Services
National Institutes of Health-Bethesda
North Bethesda Transportation Center
Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission
Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission
Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation
Rappahannock Rapidan Regional Commission
Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland
Washington Headquarters Services - DOD

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For more information about commuting solutions,

1-800-745-RIDE
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Free Carpool Ridematching Service



Fast Forward Your Commute.

Carpool.



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As gasoline prices remain volatile and traffic congestion worsens, daily commutes are getting more expensive, longer and increasingly stressful. Wouldn't it be great if you could somehow lower your commuting costs and frustrations?

Carpooling Could Be the Solution for You.



Consider a Carpool or Vanpool

Carpooling — when two or more people commute to work together on a regular basis in a privately owned vehicle — Finding compatible commuting partners is easy with Commuter Connections through our website or mobile apps. **We help by identifying potential carpool partners that live near your home, that also work near your place of business, who have similar schedules.** And some companies even have in-house commuter assistance programs that help employees find carpool partners and offer preferred parking for carpools and vanpools.

Your advantages of commuting in a carpool or vanpool are many and include:

- Financial savings due to shared commuting costs, including gasoline expenses, tolls, parking fees, car maintenance and lower mileage.
- Less stress.
- Increased free time for riders (read, work, relax or listen to headphones).
- Reduced need for parking.
- Reduced pollution due to fewer auto emissions.
- If HOV or Express Lanes are accessible on your route to work, you'll likely save time on your commute.
- Form a new carpool or vanpool and you may be eligible to earn cash or financial incentives through the Commuter Cash app. Visit www.commuterconnections.org.

Guaranteed Ride Home Program

What happens if you're carpooling and you have an unexpected personal or family emergency, you get sick or you have to stay late for unscheduled overtime? Commuter Connections' Guaranteed Ride Home program provides a free ride home for registered commuters who carpool, vanpool, bicycle, walk or take transit to work at least twice a week. We have a network of providers on call Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and will arrange for a free taxi, rental car, or transportation network company — whatever it takes to get you home — up to six times each year.* To find out more about the Guaranteed Ride Home program and signup, visit www.commuterconnections.org. For questions call **1-800-745-RIDE**.

We'll get you home. Guaranteed.

*Some restrictions apply. Visit our web site for participation guidelines.



Don't Know Anyone to Carpool With?

Finding Ridesharing Partners Is as Easy as 1-2-3 with Commuter Connections

Using our database that contains thousands of area commuters, Commuter Connections can help you find carpool partners with similar commutes — whether it's for a new or existing carpool. Potential carpool partners include commuters who work in Maryland, Virginia, or the District of Columbia and who live in Maryland, Virginia, the District of Columbia, West Virginia, Delaware or Pennsylvania. To register for ridematching:

- 1 Simply fill out and return the attached application form, set up an account and apply at our website, or call **1-800-745-RIDE**.
- 2 By applying online or filling out this application form, you will have access to a matchlist with contact information of people with commutes similar to yours.
- 3 Contact commuters on the list to either start a new carpool or join an existing one.

Commuters can request to be removed from the database at any time, and other than the information you choose to share, your personal data remains confidential.

Let's work together to help improve your commute. Reduce your stress, save money, time, and the environment.

Park & Ride Lots Can Make Your Commute Easier

Did you know...

- There are nearly 400 Park & Ride Lots throughout the Washington/Baltimore Metropolitan areas where commuters can conveniently join up with carpools/ vanpools or gain access to public transit.
- Two-thirds of Park & Ride Lots have commuter bus or rail service available.
- Parking is free at 89 percent of Park & Ride Lots.
- More than 25 percent of Park & Ride Lots have bicycle parking facilities.

