

Carpool Ride Guide: Tips for Your Commute

We want you to crush this carpooling thing, so we're starting you off with some tips and checklists.

Remember, it can take a few rides for a carpool to find its groove, so keep the communication going to work out any bumps in the road. Use this checklist to get to know each other better and establish expectations.

First, Cover the Basics: How, When, and Who

Question	Carpooler A	Carpooler B
Days you want to carpool		
Drive, ride, or alternate?		
Days you are driving		
Meeting places (home, Park & Ride, work)		
Contact preference & info (phone, email)		

Pro Tip: You may also want to exchange your emergency contacts in the future in case the unexpected happens!

Next, the Business Side: Expenses

Question	Carpooler A	Carpooler B
Amount rider reimburses driver (unless alternating drivers)		
Frequency of reimbursement (daily, weekly, monthly)		

Wrapping Up: Preferences and Priorities

Question	Carpooler A	Carpooler B
Music, podcasts, or quiet (list favorites)?		
Food okay?		
Drinks okay?		
Coffee run – always, sometimes, or never?		
Other stops okay?		
GO topics: I like to talk about...		
NO topics: what's off limits?		
Smells or smoking – yes or no?		

Rules of the Road: Other Details to Chat About

- Decide how you'll share costs. You can trade off cars, or one person can reimburse the other. AAA and the IRS put costs at \$0.62/mile, so make sure you cover your share!
- What happens if someone is sick? (Pro Tip: Join [Georgia Commute Options](#) to qualify for a free Emergency Ride Home)
- What happens in inclement weather?
- Establish acceptable wait times if someone is running late.
- Talk about sensitivities and allergies. Does anyone get car sick? Does perfume bother you? What temperature is best?
- Consider adding other carpool members (more savings!).