

Carpool Ride Guide Tips for Your Commute



We want you to crush this carpooling thing, so we're starting you off with some tips to make it super simple. 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 guide to get to know each other better and establish expectations.

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

- Which days to carpool?
- Who will drive or ride?
- Days you are driving
- Meeting places (home, Park & Ride, work)
- Contact preference & info (phone, email)
- Establish wait times if someone is running late

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

Next, the Business Side: Expenses

- Agree on how to share costs, whether it's trading off or covering your share of the AAA/IRS standard \$0.62/mile
- Frequency of reimbursement
- Method (cash, Venmo, morning coffee, etc.)

Pro Tip: When deciding reimbursement amounts, don't forget about tolls (like for any Express Lanes) and parking if you have to pay to park.

Wrapping Up: Preferences and Priorities

- Chatting or listening to something?
- Food/Drinks/Smells
- Coffee run & other stops?
- GO topics: I like to talk about...
- NO topics: What's off limits?

Pro Tip: Talk about sensitivities and allergies — Does anyone get car sick? Does perfume bother you? What temperature is best?

Rules of the Road: Other Details to Chat About

- Inclement weather plan
- Join Georgia Commute Options to qualify for a free Emergency Ride Home and get free money and gas as you carpool more
- Consider adding other carpool members (more savings!)