

## HOW TO USE RIDESNEARME.COM

Its so easy to use RidesNearMe.com.  
Here's how:

**1 . Connect:** using your web browser (IE or Firefox recommended), connect to <http://yourbiz.ridesnearme.com>.

**2 . Search:** Look for other employees who either want to ride with you, who are offering a ride, OR want to ride-share (take turns driving to save money).

**Simply type in your Zip or Postal Code into the Step 1 Box located on the left of your screen and click "Go".**

**3 . Find a Ride:** All your potential carpooling partners are displayed graphically in the centre, with a listing on the left, sorted by your closest matches.

**4 . Contact:** Click on the contact button and you will be prompted to register an account. Follow the instructions, and once you are completed registering, the contact form will send an email to the potential carpool partner. That's it!

For a video demonstration and walk through of the tools, go to :

**<http://demo.ridesnearme.com>**

## Carpool Checklist

Things will go smoothly if you pre-decide a few questions.

Be sure to get clarity between all riders and driver on the following before starting your carpools:

- Pickup and drop-off location has been decided for return trip
- Drive / Ride schedule has been decided (this clarifies who is driving when)
- Route has been decided
- Waiting time has been decided
- Occasional one time trip passengers ?
- Any stops during the trip such as daycare, coffee or gas station ?
- Backup plan in case unforeseen events, has been decided
- Smoking?
- Eating?
- Coffee / Pop / Beverages?
- Music?



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## *Why Carpool?*

*A free benefit from your employer through*



*RidesNearMe.com*

*Lets start carpooling today!*



# WHY CARPOOL?

First - the most direct reasons:

- Save money (gasoline & wear and tear)
- Save time by using the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) and express lanes (coming to Ottawa soon!)
- Save on parking costs
- Save the Environment and reduce your carbon offset

And now some additional reasons:

## **Save your mental energy**

Driving is a complex activity that requires decision making, hand eye co-ordination, good reflexes, split-second decision making and an alert mind. Even if you don't realize it, is an activity which can contribute to making you tired. Ride a few days instead of driving and feel the difference for yourself.

## **Get control of your work schedule**

This is easy to miss, but in the daily grind your work can control some of your schedule. To lead a richer and more fulfilling life, experts agree you need to be in control of your schedule instead. Carpooling is a commitment which may help your resolve to be on top of your work schedule.

## **If available, get prime carpool spots on your campus**

Some employers and institutions have premium parking spots as an incentive for carpooling. These premium spots will save valuable minutes every day – for example for finding a parking spot, walking from that far away parking spot to your workplace. Chances are your employer may have such measures in place already (or may consider introducing them at your request).

## **Reduced traffic congestion if more people carpool**

This is a long term benefit and would be visible if a large number of people start carpooling. The more people carpool, the lesser will be the heavy congestion on the

roads. You can join the campaign today – start carpooling.

## **It's easy**

RidesNearMe makes it very easy for you to find perfect matches. Because of our trip matching algorithms, you may find neighbors or co-workers for your carpool.

## **It's free!**

Your employer has provided you with this free benefit – use it and save money every day!

Thanks to your forward thinking employer, the environment, your pocketbook and your employer all receive positive benefits from carpooling.

Take advantage of this great opportunity to help make this world a cleaner place to live and work – for you, but even more importantly, for your kids and grandkids. Every little bit matters!

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Courtesy of your carpooling friends at RidesNearMe.Com.

