

Alternative Transportation



You Can Get There!

Save Money by Using Alternate Methods of Transportation

- You can save thousands of dollars a year by making one simple change in your daily routine. Almost 90% of Americans drive to work in a car, and most drive alone. Using alternative transportation offers a substantial cost savings and other benefits. It is easy to calculate the savings potential by visiting our **COMMUTE Calculator** on our **Travel Reduction** web page.



Walking or Riding Your Bike

- Walking to work is obviously the cheapest way to get there. You pay no fuel. If you live close enough to your place of employment, and have a safe route to walk, this is a great way to save money. Added benefits include exercise that helps to cut down on weight gain and avoid chronic disease. The savings for these are nearly incalculable.
- Riding a bike is another alternative that costs nothing for fuel and provides great exercise. As long as you have a safe route, this can work for you even if you don't live within walking distance. You will need a sturdy chain and padlock, and an available bike rack near your place of employment.



Stuck At Work?

- Getting stuck at work when the weather turns nasty would not be great, but in that event, most people would be able to find a ride home with a co-worker, especially if you live so close you can walk or bike. Many employers offer a Guaranteed Ride Home in those instances as well. You never have to worry about traffic jams if walking or using a bike. Some cities have become so congested that car travel has become slower than travel in a horse-drawn carriage.



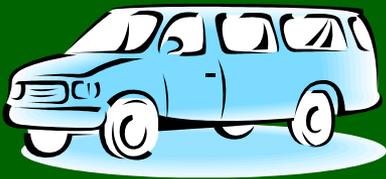
Using Your Local Bus

- Taking the bus provides very cheap and reliable transportation, with no hassles or cost for parking. Commuting by bus is 47 times safer than car travel, and many buses are equipped with bike racks for those who want to bike part of the way.



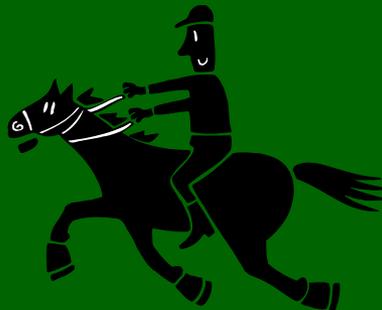
Van Pooling

- **Van pooling** has become a great alternative in many locations. The van is rented from a local company and can accommodate up to 15 commuters, making this an attractive alternative to driving. In addition to the savings on gas and parking, this provides a bit of quiet talk before and after the work day, or the chance to do a little reading.



An Old Fashioned Tradition

- A couple from Superior, MT prefer an alternative mode of transportation to get to work. The husband built the wife a corral behind her downtown antique shop.
- Everyday it is a round trip, with several miles from home to work and with every clip-clop from their horses Claire and Scout, they can relax and take in what Montana has to offer.
- Taking a seat in the saddle will get you a lot of attention in a small town, and they plan to continue to ride, in hopes this old-fashioned tradition of riding their horses to work everyday will make an impression on others.



Importance of Public Transportation

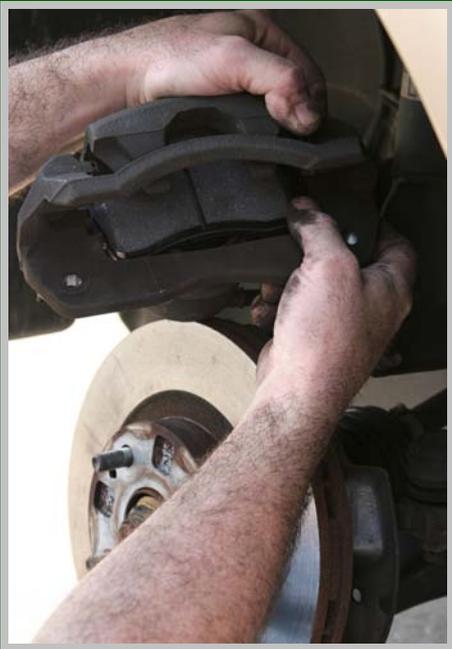


- According to research done by the American Public Transportation Association, individuals can save up to \$9,515 annually by parking their cars at home and using public transportation instead. In this economy, saving money has become a main concern in most households. With the rising prices of fuel and other vehicle-related expenses, doing the public commute to work and school certainly saves money.
- When you switch from driving your car to taking public transport, you are reducing your carbon footprint and making a great step forward in saving the environment. The environmental costs of individuals using their cars everyday has done massive damage to the environment and if the majority or all of these individuals use public transport instead, imagine the changes, for the better, that would take place.



Car Care

- Oil change, tire rotation or replacement, belts and hoses, brakes, cooling system repair, battery, and other items along the way makes for a very costly new year.



You Can Do It

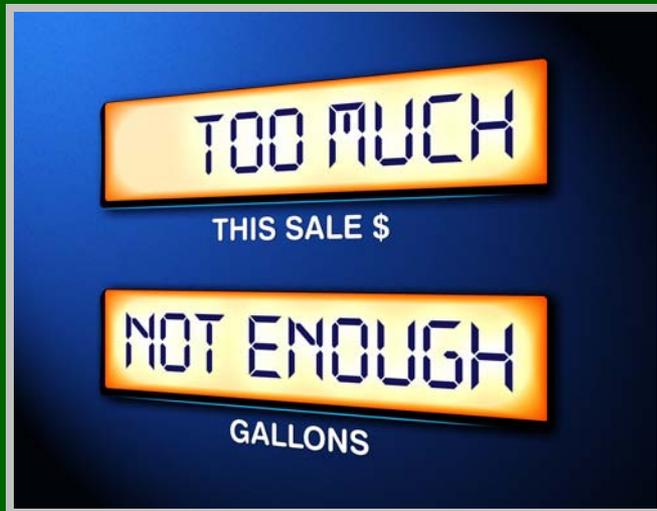
- Whether you carpool, van pool, or take public transportation the advantages are endless. Texting while driving is definitely hazardous to you and others on the road, lack of sleep or just getting off from work makes for a very dangerous situation.



Leave the driving to someone else.

Can You Afford to Drive?

Leaving your vehicle at home one day a week can reduce the wear and tear on your car, save the money you normally would put into your tank, reduce vehicle mileage, vehicle depreciation, reduction in vehicle insurance, etc. Your car will last longer by reducing all the above. Years past it was said, “A dollar doesn’t go very far.” Now it is said, “Five dollars doesn’t go very far.”



Self	Per Gallon
Unleaded	
Regular	4.29 $\frac{9}{10}$
Plus	4.45 $\frac{9}{10}$
Supreme	4.57 $\frac{9}{10}$



If You Carpool



Car Care Tips:

1. **Check Tire inflation regularly:** Each tire that is under-inflated by as little as 2 lbs per square inch causes a 1% increase in fuel consumption.
2. **Know your engine oil life:** Today it is common to go past the normal 3,000 mile oil change. Know the recommended mileage for your next oil change.
3. **Maintain proper fluid levels:** Check all fluids regularly, including brake, power steering, transmission, and antifreeze. Fluids help to neutralize internal corrosion, remove debris that may have accumulated and keep the vehicle's temperature within normal range.
4. **Keep your engine tuned:** Worn spark plugs, old wires, or a restricted fuel injector can reduce fuel efficiency as much as 30%.
5. **Clear out garage and make room for your car:** Parking in your garage will help your car stay warm in winter and cool in summer, and you won't have to depend as much on your gas-guzzling air-conditioning or defroster when you drive.



If You Carpool continued



6. **Check battery cables and posts:** Inspect battery cables and posts for corrosion and clean them as needed. The battery fluid also should be checked and filled if it is low, except in the case of maintenance-free batteries.
7. **Inspect engine belts regularly:** A poorly tuned engine can increase fuel consumption by as much as 50%. Also, frayed belts can indicate belt failure, potentially leaving you stranded on the side of the road.
8. **Check the air filtration system:** Replacing a clogged air filter can improve your car's gas mileage by as much as 10%. Not only will replacing a dirty air filter save gas, it will protect your engine and extend engine life.
9. **Check windshield washer blades:** Examine blades for cracks, tears and windshield contact. Replace them about once a year or sooner if streaking begins.
10. **Monitor your vehicle's maintenance schedule year-round:** Spring and Fall are car care months that are great seasonal reminders.

A Good Start For A New Day

**Put your money back in your wallet
and not your gas tank**



**Use public transportation
whenever possible**



**Do something worthwhile for yourself and
you'll be glad you did!**

So whether you want to save money or get in shape, start thinking about ways to cut down on the amount you drive.

Discover when it makes sense to keep the car at home!



Planning ahead can cut the cost of your journey, reduce emissions and save time – whether you drive or use an alternative mode of transportation.



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