

# VANPOOL

*RIDE TOGETHER*



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**A GUIDE TO MAKE  
YOUR NEXT GROUP  
JOURNEY EASIER.**

*Let's get started.*

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# WHAT IS VANPOOL?

A vanpool is a service provided by the Fort Worth Transportation Authority (FWTA) for a group of at least six people who want to share the costs of getting to and from work. These individuals usually live and work near each other. Generally, vanpools will have one primary driver and one alternate driver.

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF VANPOOLING?

Lower transportation costs, less wear and tear on riders' vehicles, and less stress during commutes, to name a few. Plus, vanpooling helps reduce traffic congestion and dangerous levels of ozone.

Vanpooling may also make riders eligible for savings on automobile insurance — in some cases, up to 15 percent. (Riders should contact their insurance agents for more information.) FWTA will provide written verification of your vanpool participation upon request.



## How much does vanpooling cost?

The monthly fare is based on the vanpool participants' daily round-trip miles to work and back from their pick-up point. In addition to the monthly fare, participants in the vanpool may have to split the costs of parking, tolls and washing the van. Primary drivers ride for free and alternate drivers pay one-half of the fare for their daily round-trip miles. FWTA provides Fuelman cards to pay for the gas.

To get information about rates, call **817-336-RIDE**.

## What are the service areas?

Vanpool services originate from Tarrant, Johnson, Parker, Hood, Montague, Erath, Wise, Palo Pinto and Somervell counties. The destination can be anywhere within the Dallas-Fort Worth region.

## When do riders pay their fare?

Fares are due in full by the tenth day of each month.

## What if the number of vanpool participants falls below the minimum required?

A low ridership fee may be charged if your group's ridership falls below six.

Participants can help keep monthly fares low by recruiting friends and coworkers to ride their van if they are low on ridership.

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## What if a participant has an emergency or is unable to take the van home at the specified time?

FWTA provides a Guaranteed Ride Home Program (GRHP). A \$5 co-pay will get you to your destination if you have an emergency or unplanned overtime.

GRHP may be used a maximum of two times in a three-month period. All riders are issued a GRHP card. The three-month period begins with the first use of the card.

## How many participants are needed to start a vanpool?

Vanpools require a minimum of six participants with similar work hours and origination and destination points.

## How do I sign up?

For more information or to enroll in the program, call 817-336-RIDE(7433). Learn how you can start saving on transportation costs!

**ALL SET?** *Let's get started.*

Simply contact FWTA at **817-336-RIDE** for a list of vanpools in your area.

# HOW TO GET STARTED:

**Contact FWTAs Rideshare Staff  
at 817-336-RIDE(7433)**

Learn how to enroll in  
FWTA's Vanpool program  
and begin saving today!

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## **Helpful Rideshare links:**



**Compare driving alone  
vs. Vanpooling:**  
[www.AAA.com](http://www.AAA.com)

**Explore Carpooling online:**  
[www.tryparkingit.com](http://www.tryparkingit.com)

**Dallas County:**  
[www.dart.org](http://www.dart.org)

**Denton County:**  
[www.dcta.net](http://www.dcta.net)

**NCTCOG.org**

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