



UMass *RideShare!*

Working for Commuting Alternatives

Carpool Permit Information

Benefits of the UMASS Rideshare Program include:

- *Reduced parking permit fees*
- *Preferred parking spaces*
- *Guaranteed rides home (restrictions apply)*
- *Free one-day permits (limited #)*
- *Reduced auto maintenance costs*
- *Reduced environmental impact*
- *Reduced driving stress*

Register an existing carpool to take advantage of the UMASS Rideshare Program benefits. Or search for a carpool partner using the online carpool matching service at:

<http://parking.umass.edu/rideshare>

Contact information:



Rideshare Coordinator
C/O UMASS Parking Services
Lot 25 Trailer / Univ. of Massachusetts
51 Forestry Way
Amherst, MA 01003
(413) 545-6585
rideshare@admin.umass.edu

UMASS Rideshare Program

The UMASS Rideshare Program provides an alternative to the drive alone vehicle by assisting UMASS employees and students with the formulation of carpools and other alternative modes of transportation.

The goal of the program is to reduce the volume of UMASS commuter traffic thereby improving the air quality and environment and of the Pioneer Valley. Rideshare services are offered free of charge to any employee or student of the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

The Rideshare Program is one component of the UMASS *Commuter Options Program (COP)*. For information on the program visit the website at <http://parking.umass.edu/cop> or contact the program coordinator.

Carpool Permit Guidelines

1. A carpool is defined as two (2) or more employees and/or off-campus students commuting together to UMASS. Permit holders are assigned one carpool permit to use among themselves.
2. The price of the carpool permit is 1/2 the permit price for each participant. Both permit holders must pay for their 1/2 of the permit. If there are more than 2 persons in a carpool the price goes down proportionally.
3. A carpool permit can be valid for more than one lot. For example, member #1 parks in lot 25 and member #2 parks in lot 71, the carpool permit will be valid in both lot 25 and lot 71.
4. Applicants must pledge to commute to campus together most of the time. They will be assigned a limited number (60 for employees per year/40 for students per year) of one-day permits at no charge to accommodate their occasional need to drive alone.
5. On days the carpool is not ridesharing, the car without the hangtag must use one of the free one-day permits to park on campus.
6. The preferred parking spaces marked *Carpool Permit Required* are limited to vehicles displaying the appropriate carpool hangtag.
7. Guaranteed Ride Home (GRH) option is available for emergency situations only by calling 545-0065 during business hours of 8 am to 4:45 pm (or 3:45 during summer hours). GRH distance is limited to 1/2 hour from campus. GRH is open to employees only.

If your carpool team would like a carpool parking spot in a specific location within your lot..... be sure to contact the Rideshare Coordinator at (413) 545-6585 or rideshare@admin.umass.edu



Procedure to Obtain Permit

How to get a Carpool Permit

- Complete the “official” Parking Services Permit registration form and return to Parking Services.
- All members of carpool team must complete an individual registration form.
- Attach a photocopy of the registration form(s) for your vehicle(s) only.
- Existing/current parking permits must be surrendered to Parking Services before Carpool permit can be issued.

Payment for: Students & Non-Employees

- Refer to current year’s parking permit rate chart and divide by number in carpool team. Each carpool member pays one-half (or one-third if 3 members) of the lot cost.
- Payment can be made by cash, check, credit card or U-card at the Parking Services office OR pay by mail w/ check or charge. For credit card transactions please include card type & number, expiration date, and signature.

Payment for Employees

- UMASS employees can use the current year’s salary based chart to determine approximate permit cost. Carpool permit fee will be based on each carpooler’s salary and will be one-half of rate (or one-third if 3 members) for each participant.
- Payment is usually made through payroll deduction for which a payroll deduction authorization form (available at Parking office) must be signed.
- Payment can also be made by cash, check, credit card or U-card by visiting Parking Services during business hours.

The UMASS Rideshare Program is designed to meet a Mass. Dept. of Environmental Protection mandate to reduce single occupancy vehicle (SOV) traffic. The program is part of the UMASS Commuter Options Program, which is sponsored by: Campus Services Division, Parking Services, Transit Services, and the Route 9 Transportation Management Association.