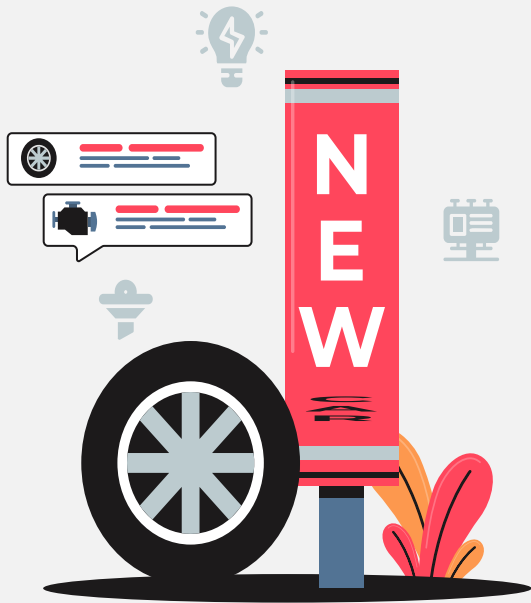


# Managing Transportation Costs

Strategies to “Get Around” Inexpensively  
and Efficiently





# 01 Personal Car

# TIPS

## Maintenance

Keep up with your car maintenance, including oil changes, emissions testing, and routine car repairs. Don't ignore strange sounds and wash your car by hand! Know your warranty, too.

## Cruise Control

Using cruise control can help save gas by maintaining a constant speed, which can improve fuel efficiency

## Consider an Electric Vehicle

Like hybrids, plug-in electric vehicles (EVs) cost more upfront than gas-powered cars but they're even cheaper to own over the long term

## Gas Mileage

Prioritize buying cars that have great gas mileage – you will save money on gas

## Financing

Consider refinancing your car through a credit union. You should also get preapproved for a car loan before you shop. Also, save for a bigger down payment – the more financing you need, them more interest you'll pay

## Compare Insurance Costs

Prices vary, so it's a good idea to shop around. Some insurance companies offer discounted rates if you have a good credit rating, if you're a safe driver, etc.

# RESOURCES



## Car Repair Assistance

Give Rides is partnering with Christian Brothers Automotive (CBA) to offer discounted rates and financial aid for eligible single moms' car repairs. Find out more information and apply by clicking the link.



## Choose Reliable Cars

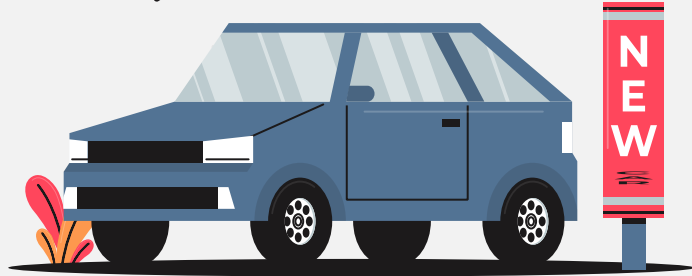
Choosing a reliable car is huge for saving on repair costs. Websites like RepairPal (linked) rate cars based on how often they need repairs and how much those repairs typically cost. A dependable car means fewer repair bills.



## Give Rides – Donated Cars

Heirborn Servants/Give Rides connects struggling single moms with reliable transportation in the form of rideshare assistance or donated vehicles. However, they do not serve single moms directly – they partner with non-profits currently serving women in crisis.





# 02 Public Transportation

# TIPS

## Use It!

Take advantage of public transportation, including buses, street cars, and trains

## Save Money

If your area offers public transportation, it can save you money on gas, parking, and car maintenance

## Plan Ahead

Know your options and purchase tickets in advance to save time and money. You can check the specific public transportation's website for train and bus schedules, or download its app for arrival times

## Listen!

Listen for public announcements and follow the directions provided.

## Use Breeze Cards [MARTA]

Load your card with as many trip or days as you need and be on your way. You can purchase anything from an individual trip or one-day pass to a full-month pass. Or download the Breeze Mobile 2 app to load funds digitally.

## Reduced Fare Card

Get a Reduced Fare Breeze Card to lower the fare cost for using MARTA

# RESOURCES



## **Reduced Fare Breeze card**

MARTA offers Reduced Fare Breeze Cards to eligible senior citizens, people with disabilities, and Medicare cardholders. The initial card is free, and the fare is \$1.



## **Free MARTA Cards**

Midtown Assistance will provide MARTA Cards to assist w/ job search or w/ getting to work for 1 Week until first paycheck. Fill out the form at [tfaforms.com/4814925](https://tfaforms.com/4814925) or call [404-681-5777](tel:404-681-5777) to receive the free cards.



## **Georgia Transportation Resources**

The linked guide offers resources regarding the improvement of transportation needs, transportation assistance, and regional transportation authorities.



## **Georgia Public Transportation Info**

The linked website provides the transit links and information for public transportation across the state.



# 03 Carpooling



# TIPS

## Carpool w/ Others

Carpool with coworkers and friends

## Save Costs

Carpooling allows you save money on gas and car repairs

## Convenience

It is often much more convenient to carpool to work or to pick up your children from school or sports

## Safety

An extra set of eyes in your car always helps with encouraging safe driving

## HOV Lane

Carpooling with others will allow you to access the HOV Lane and get places faster

## Parking

In some cases, you can take advantage of special/discounted parking

# RESOURCES



## Find Someone to Carpool With

With MyGCO, sharing the ride with one other person just a couple times a week can help you save time, money, and the stress of parking. This clean commute option also can help you earn cash for carpooling and other perks.



## Join or Start a Vanpool

Vanpooling is similar to carpooling, but with more people, a larger vehicle, and a central meeting location (like a park-and-ride). Commute with Enterprise helps match commuters with nearby coworkers, provides an SUV, crossover, or van, and helps riders split the cost.



## Use Uber Pool or Lyft Shared Rides

These tend to be the most affordable Uber/Lyft rides. This option matches you with other riders heading in a similar direction.





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# Ridesharing

# TIPS

## Convenience

If you need a car to get around but won't drive it every day, consider renting or using car services like Uber or Lyft. You'll still have access to a vehicle, but you'll pay only when you need it. And you'll avoid maintenance and repair costs

## Use Sparingly

Ridesharing apps, such as Uber or Lyft, can be very expensive, so only use them when needed

## Be Safe!

Plan ahead, request your ride inside, get in the right car, avoid riding in the front seat, and share your trip details with a friend

## Uber/Lyft to Train Station

If you do not have a car or anyone to carpool with, consider taking an Uber or Lyft to the train/subway station. This is often cheaper than taking an Uber or Lyft all the way to your destination

# RESOURCES



## ZipCar

Need a car for a mid-day appointment? Rent by the hour from this car-sharing service.



## Free Lyft Rides

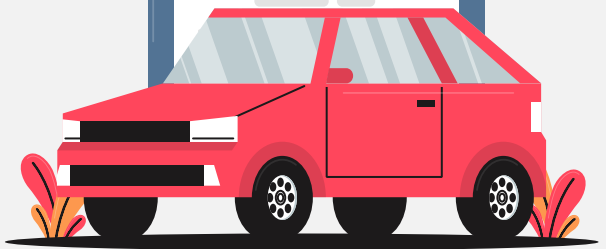
United Way and Goodwill® offer rides to job interviews, job training sites, and/or a job. Additionally, specific Goodwill® sites will now offer rides for criminal record-expungement services and/or to pick up internet hotspots donated by Indeed.



## Guaranteed Ride Home

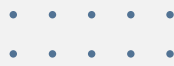
Georgia Commute Options offers a guaranteed ride home service for times when you or your carpool buddy gets sick and has to leave work early. Simply redeem it online and a GCO staff member will call you to confirm and schedule your Uber ride.





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# Transportation Assistance



# TIPS

## Take Advantage!

Take advantage of all the available transportation assistance resources

## Volunteer Drivers

The National Volunteer Transportation Center has a [map](#) that provides a listing of volunteer transportation providers in each state

## FindHelp Website

Find different transportation assistance services on the [FindHelp website](#)

## Rides in Sight

Find local transportation programs by searching the [Rides in Sight database](#)

## Senior Assistance

Check out [Empower Line](#) for transportation assistance for older adults

## Community Transportation Database

The NCMM developed a [national transit database](#) providing the locations of transportation services to communities across the country. Use the map to explore state and local transportation providers and their related information.

# RESOURCES



## Non-Emergency Medical Transportation

The Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) program provides eligible Medicaid members transportation needed to get to their medical appointments.



## Transportation Assistance

The linked website from the Georgia Dept. of Community Affairs provides information.



## Free Bikes

You can get a free bike for kids [here](#) and for adults [here](#).



# MISCELLANEOUS



## Reach Home Safely App

The Georgia Department of Transportation is supporting the Reach Home Safely mobile application, to promote safe driving habits across the state of Georgia!

View your overall score, trips, driving trends, and rank on the leaderboard when you join and record trips. There are also ongoing contests that drivers will compete in, with the safest drivers automatically becoming eligible to win a variety of prizes!





# THANKS!

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