

# Save a bundle!



If you drive 80 miles round trip a day to work it will cost you \$9,310.00\* a year. If you are a part of a 7 person vanpool, your yearly cost to commute will be \$1,437.00.

Your **SAVINGS** would be **\$7,873.00**.  
**Could you use an extra \$7,873.00 a year?**

Just imagine what you could do with the savings...

- ◆ **Mortgage** - Pay your mortgage for 3 months, 4 months.....
- ◆ **Vacation** - That's enough to take most families of four on vacation!
- ◆ **Home maintenance** - Fix up the old homestead, or invest in energy efficient appliances.
- ◆ **School expenses** - Pay for a full year's worth of tuition at a New Jersey state college!
- ◆ **Retirement savings** - Invest each year's savings and retire early!

Suddenly, you see the dramatic cost of commuting to work, and the significant benefit that a vanpool can make in your quality of life.

\* Auto costs use AAA's "Your Driving Costs 2011" analysis, adjusted to \$3.75/gallon and adjusted to 50.6 cents/mile to reflect keeping the auto for uses other than commuting. NJ TRANSIT monthly pass and vanpool costs include 32.65% IRS commuter tax benefit, capped at \$230/month. Yearly costs are based on 230 workdays. Parking and toll cost/savings not included.



Greater Mercer Transportation Management Association is a private-public partnership devoted to improving mobility for everyone. We serve employers, commuters and the residents of the community.

Established in 1984, our association consists of large and small employers, local governments, authorities and state agencies who share a commitment to providing transportation choices that are good for commuters, good for business and good for the environment.

In addition to Vanpooling, GMTMA administers programs that help Mercer County by providing information about

- ◆ Carpooling
- ◆ Public transit
- ◆ Bicycling to work
- ◆ Road construction
- ◆ RideProvide (for those 65+ or visually impaired adults who need rides)

To learn more, visit our website at  
[www.gmtma.org](http://www.gmtma.org)  
Or phone (609) 452-1491

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## JOIN A VANPOOL SAVE A BUNDLE

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*Save money!*

*And wear & tear  
on your car!*

*Save the planet with  
a greener commute!*

## Why vanpool?

You can save thousands of dollars every year when you choose to commute to work in a vanpool!

Plus you will be drastically reducing the wear and tear on your own car, helping to reduce traffic and improving air quality.

## What is a vanpool?

A vanpool is a group of commuters traveling to and from a worksite(s) using a vehicle having 7 to 15 seats.

- ◆ Typically the vehicle is provided by a third-party vanpool company. The vanpool company provides maintenance and insurance as part of the package for which individual vanpool groups pay a monthly fee.
- ◆ Participants decide the driving, routing, operating and cost sharing arrangements themselves.
- ◆ The lease on the van is month to month, so you only have a 30 day commitment.

## Is it expensive?

The cost to vanpool is considerably less than other commute options. Costs will vary depending on size of vehicle, number of people participating and miles traveled. The typical GMTMA vanpool participant saves almost \$7,800\* each year compared to driving alone.

## What if I have to leave work early or have to work late?

No problem. Once you register with us, you'll receive vouchers to use with our Home Free Emergency car service to take you home.



## How To Get Started

Call Greater Mercer TMA's Commuter Services Department. We can help you find an existing vanpool, start one of your own, and help you to lease a vehicle from a vanpool provider.

**Already in a vanpool?** Register anyway. That way you'll be able to take advantage of the many Vanpool Extras and Emergency Ride Home program.

Two easy ways to register:

1. Go to [www.gmtma.org](http://www.gmtma.org), then click on "Commuters" to create a commuter profile.



2. Call Greater Mercer TMA at (609) 452-1491, press 1 or (800) 245-Pool, press 3, then 5 where our Commuter Services Manager will take your commuting information over the phone and assist you to find or form a vanpool.

## Additional Benefits for Vanpoolers

- ◆ **NJ TRANSIT Vanpool Incentive**  
NJ TRANSIT provides \$175 per month on an ongoing basis to vanpools that lease a vehicle through a third party vanpool provider and where public transportation is neither available nor feasible.
- ◆ **Vanbuck\$**  
If you lose a rider, the TMA's empty seat subsidy pays that person's share of the costs for up to three months while you find another passenger.
- ◆ **Green Commuter Rewards**  
You'll enjoy our online shopping and rebate program that thanks Vanpool participants for their green choice.
- ◆ **Commuter Tax Benefit**  
The IRS permits employers to assist their employees by offering a pretax payroll deduction for vanpooling expenses.
- ◆ **Home Free**  
The TMA's Emergency Ride Home program gives you a lift home if you have to leave early or stay late at work.

Talk to our Commuter Services Manager for more details on these programs.

## WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

We welcome them!

Call our Customer Services Office at  
**(609) 452-1491**