



# carshare vermont



freedom  
to go

## What is CarShare Vermont?

Founded by local people who care about our community, CarShare Vermont is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that's on a mission to provide an affordable, convenient, and reliable alternative to private car ownership that enhances the environmental, economic, and social wellbeing of our region and planet. We've got vehicles parked in convenient spots all over town that our members can reserve and use whenever they need to drive.

## How it works:

### Sign up



Our online membership application takes just minutes. If you're 18 or over with a good driving record, you can join CarShare Vermont.

### Reserve



Choose your car and pickup location online or by phone through our easy 24/7 reservation system.

### Drive



Just get in and go! Shopping, appointments, a road trip – you've got the freedom to go wherever, whenever.

# Why own when you can share?



## Sharing is cheaper than owning

Car payments, insurance, registration, inspections... owning a car is expensive, even if you don't drive it often. Add in gas, repairs, and maintenance, and costs can really pile up. By joining CarShare Vermont, you can enjoy the freedom of driving without the cost and hassles that come with car ownership.

We offer memberships for individuals and businesses with rates starting as low as \$4.95 an hour and 25¢ per mile, including gas and insurance. Reserve by the hour or by the day and only pay for what you need.

**Americans spend an average of \$500 per month to own a car, not including the costs to drive it.**

Source: AAA

## Rates

There are two plans to choose from depending on how much you drive.

Share-a-Little Plan	Share-a-Lot Plan
\$5 monthly membership fee (or save \$10 by paying \$50/year)	\$15 monthly membership fee (or save \$30 by paying \$150/year)
\$6.95 an hour	\$4.95 an hour
25¢ per mile	25¢ per mile
\$69 day rate (24 hours), plus only 15¢ per mile	\$49 day rate (24 hours), plus only 15¢ per mile

There is a one-time \$30 application fee per driver (to check your driving record). Please visit [carsharevt.org](http://carsharevt.org) for all current rate plans and special offers.

## Business Membership

Our business membership allows employees to borrow cars for meetings, daylong conferences, or short errands and deliveries. Our rates are usually cheaper than reimbursing for mileage and rentals! Please contact us for details.



## Everything is included

When you share our cars, we take care of:

### Gas

Each car comes with its own gas card to pay for fuel when you need it.

### Insurance

You're covered with premium auto insurance.

### Parking

Our cars are parked in free, well-marked spots around town.

### Roadside assistance

If you break down, our emergency service will change a tire, jump the battery, or even give you a tow.

### Ways to carry your stuff

Many of our cars have bike and ski racks – and when you need more cargo space, share a pickup truck.

We also take care of all the hassles that come with ownership:

- Carwashes
- Regular service & maintenance
- Winter tires
- Shoveling snow

**CarShare Vermont volunteer "nannies" baby our cars so you don't have to. They do things like brush snow off the windshields and move them during parking bans.**



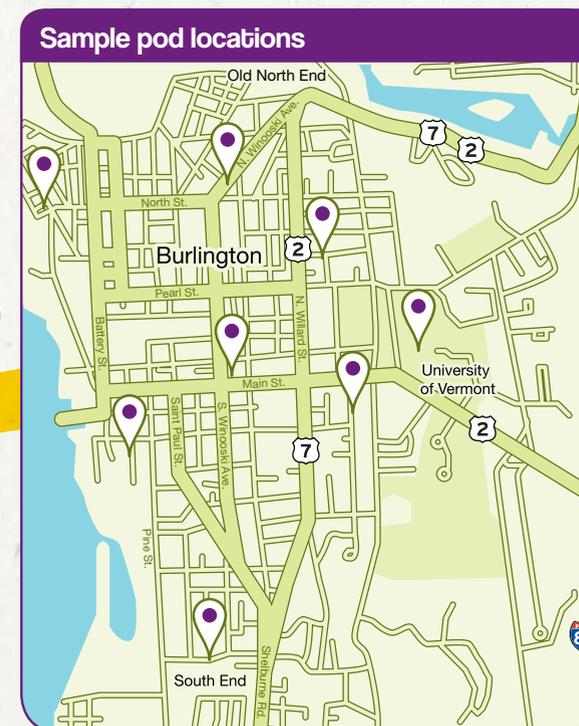
## There's always a car nearby

CarShare Vermont locations – or pods – are conveniently located all around Burlington, including on UVM and Champlain College campuses. And we have more cars and locations coming online all the time.

With plenty of cars to choose from, you can usually make a reservation with as little as 15 minutes notice. Your own electronic key fob will open any car you've reserved in our network – you don't need to pick up a key ahead of time. It's easy!

To check out our fleet and an interactive map of current pod locations, visit us at [carsharevt.org](http://carsharevt.org).

**The average car in the U.S. sits parked for 98% of its life.**



## It's good for the environment

Car-sharing cuts car use. Because there's always a CarShare Vermont pod nearby, people can choose not to own a vehicle, families can become one-car households, and businesses can encourage employees to use alternative ways to commute. When folks do need a car, ours are all fuel-efficient models with very low emissions.

Less driving means reduced pollution, emissions, and fuel consumption. And with more people getting around in fewer cars, we can all enjoy less traffic congestion and better air quality.

### Consider this:

- The average car emits five to six tons of carbon dioxide and half a ton of other air pollutants per year.
- People who shift from car ownership to car-sharing typically reduce the amount they drive – and pollute – by 30 to 60%.
- Each shared car is estimated to remove seven to 20 privately owned cars from the road.





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## Start sharing today!

We'd love to hear from you.  
To join CarShare Vermont or ask a few  
questions, get a hold of us:

**Online:**

carsharevt.org

**By phone:**

(802) 861-2340

**In person:**

131 St. Paul Street, downtown Burlington  
9am-5pm, Monday through Friday

More than 350,000 people  
share cars in the U.S. as an  
alternative to owning.