A typical passenger vehicle emits about 5.1 metric tons of carbon dioxide per year.\(^*\)

In 2012, two spots on the 5th Floor of the Dowling Parking Garage were designated as carpool or vanpool parking spaces.

A special permit allows two or more people to share a carpool/vanpool space which costs the same as a regular parking spot divided by the number of people sharing it. So the more people in the group, the less it will cost each person to park on campus.

More spaces will be made available based on demand, so if you would like to reduce emissions, save money and park in a more convenient location, consider starting a carpool/vanpool! Call Public Safety at 617-627-3692 (ext. 73692) to suggest new locations for shared parking spots and to obtain the special permit.

\(^*\)EPA Fact Sheet: “Greenhouse Gas Emissions from a Typical Passenger Vehicle” (Dec 2011)
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RelayRides is a neighbor-to-neighbor car sharing company connecting people who need a car with vehicle owners whose rides would otherwise just be sitting unused. Rent one for as little as $5/hour or $40/day. Borrowers as young as 18 can use this service. If you own a car, you can make $100-$1,000 per month depending upon the type of car, availability and price. There are several cars around Teele and Davis Squares. Learn more at www.RelayRides.com.

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Over 21*? If so, you can access the Zipcars located on the Medford campus. Zipcar is a short-term car rental system that provides you with self-service access to a diverse fleet of cars 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

There are currently 4 Zipcars (all hybrids!) at the following locations:

- Blakeley Hall
- Jackson Gym
- Miller Hall
- West Hall

What does it cost?

- $25 annual fee (a 50% discount!). No application fee, monthly minimum, or membership deposit.
- $8+ /hour, depending on the car model. Daily and overnight rates also available. Gas, insurance and 180 miles are included.

For more information and to sign up, check out:

www.zipcar.com/tufts

*If you are under 21, you can use RelayRides instead as long as you are on your parents’ car insurance.