

# Car Sharing 101

## What is Car Sharing?

Many people in St. Louis City don't drive enough to justify the expense and hassles (parking, I-64 construction) of owning a car, but don't want to give up the freedom and flexibility to get around town in a car.

Car Sharing is essentially car rental by the hour. The cars are parked in reserved locations throughout the city, so you can choose one that's most convenient to your home, your work, or public transportation.

Car Sharing provides flexible wheels for an urban lifestyle. It is easy access to a network of cars 24/7, and you pay only when you use it.

## How does it work?

You first sign up to become a member of the Car Sharing community and then we send you your customer number, your PIN, and a key fob. This is the electronic "key" that you will need with you to open the car. Whenever you need a car, you will make a reservation online anytime (24/7) for any available location. When you are confirmed for that vehicle, you find it in the parking lot where it's parked (there will be signage so you can find the car). You will swipe your key fob over the keypad located in the driver's side windshield, and inside the glove box you will get the key after typing in your PIN. When you're done with the car, return it back to its parking space and swipe the key fob over the keypad a final time to lock the car.

## Who benefits from Car Sharing?

City dwellers who are environmentally conscious. Car Sharing contributes to a more environmentally friendly city. This means less pollution, less traffic congestion, and more available parking. Emissions are reduced not only because fewer cars are on the road, but also because car sharers drive more fuel-efficient cars like hybrids.

Since you only pay for the time you use a car, you avoid hidden costs like depreciation. Additionally, gas, insurance, cleaning, and maintenance are all included in the price of car sharing.

Car Sharing gives you 24/7 access to newer fuel-efficient cars for your transportation needs. As a member of the Car Sharing community, you never have to wait in line or fill out forms for a car. You'll simply wave your member "key" over the windshield of your reserved car and go.

## Are you interested?

Please sign up at the registration desk to receive more information when Car Sharing is available in the future.

