



Club Rideshare

April 2022 Newsletter



6 Ways to Save Money on Gas

The average price of gasoline in Orange County reached record highs last month, according to data from the American Automobile Association. As of March 11, prices here hit nearly \$6 per gallon (vs. \$3.90 per gallon a year prior).

It's not yet known when prices will begin to dip back down. In the meantime, here are some tips to reduce sticker shock at the pumps.

1. Get the lowest gas prices nearby. You don't need to burn fuel driving around looking for the cheapest prices. Apps such as gasbuddy.com list costs-per-gallon at stations near you.

2. Ride a bus or train instead of driving. Transit is already typically a bargain over driving, and—unlike driving—the cost of riding transit doesn't go up when gas prices do.

For a limited time, you can save even more with the **OC Bus Value Pass**. Available through July 15, the Value Pass offers a 40% discount over regular fares. Riders can save up to \$10 on a five-pack of 1-day passes and up to \$29 on a 30-day pass.

If you ride **Riverside Transit Agency** buses, including CommuterLink, it's only 25 cents to ride through April.

3. Drive less. Carpool with just one other person on your daily commute and you'll cut gas prices in half. Even carpooling as little as once a week can add up in cost savings—especially when gas prices are on the rise.

Don't have anyone to carpool with? The **Rideshare Office**

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Get in on Earth Day Events

Earth Day is April 22, a day to address climate issues and ways ridesharing can contribute to cleaner air.

To celebrate, **Metrolink** will be offering free rides on its trains all day. Download the **mobile app** and you may qualify to receive an additional Metrolink ticket at no cost.

Organizations in Southern California will be hosting virtual and in-person Earth Day events. Find an event near you at earthday.org.

Mask Mandate Extended

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) mandate requiring passengers to wear masks on public transit has been extended to at least April 18. (It had previously been set to potentially expire March 18.)

For more information, visit tsa.gov.



Youth Ride Free Is Here to Stay

Based on the popularity of its promotional Youth Ride Free program, Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) recently announced free rides are here to stay. (continued)



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can help! Or visit ridematch.info to get a list of people who live and work near you who might want to share the ride.

4. Whenever you can, walk or bike instead of driving. Commuting by bike can be an option even if you live far from the office—just ride to your nearby transit stop and bring your bike along.

5. Drive smart. A few tips for better fuel efficiency: Slow down and drive the speed limit. Avoid accelerating quickly. Combine errands so you'll drive fewer miles and travel more often on a warmed-up (and therefore more efficient) engine.

6. Go electric. If you're in the market for a new car, consider making the gas-saving switch to an electric or hybrid vehicle.

As an added savings, you may qualify for a **rebate of up to \$7,000** through the California Clean Vehicle Rebate Project as well as a **\$100 rebate*** available to County of Orange and Superior Court employees.

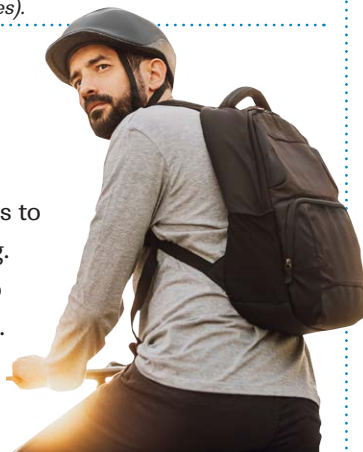
*The Orange County \$100 EV/hybrid vehicle rebate only applies to a lease or purchase of cars and trucks (not electric bikes).



Get in Gear for Bike Month

May is Bike Month! OCTA has plenty in the works to celebrate two-wheeled transportation all month long. Commute by bike—whether all the way to work or to your local transit station—for a chance to win prizes.

Look for details in the May issue of *Club Rideshare*. OCTA will also be posting information on Bike Month special events at octa.net/bike, as well as on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).



Deals & Discounts for Metrolink Riders

Show your valid Metrolink pass or ticket to get great discounts at hotels, restaurants and attractions throughout Orange County.

Find a list of participating merchants at octa.net.

Note: Due to COVID-19, business operations may be affected, so it's recommended you contact businesses listed directly for updated hours and availability.



Youth Ride Free (continued from page 1)

OCTA is the first large transit agency in the region to offer **free bus rides to all youth ages 6 to 18** on an ongoing basis.

The Youth Ride Free pass—available by request from parents—is a physical pass with a magnetic stripe. OCTA will continue working to distribute the passes in partnership with local K-12 school districts, as well as at the OCTA store and online.

Congratulations Club Rideshare Winners

We'd like to extend a big "congrats" and thanks for ridesharing to March winners of the Club Rideshare monthly prize drawing of \$25:

- Tiffany Thibeault, SSA
- Jesus Perez, OCWR
- Douglas Schan, OCHCA



Have You Moved?

If your home address, work/home phone number or email has changed, please let the Rideshare Office know by sending an email to rideshare@ocgov.com



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