

What is Flexcar?

Flexcar is a car sharing company that operates a self-service fleet of cars, trucks, minivans and utility vehicles that members can reserve and use by the hour or by the day. Gas, insurance, unlimited mileage and reserved monthly parking are all included in the usage rates. Flexcar operates in Seattle, Bellevue, and 7 other cities across the U.S.

How does it work?

Members are given an access keycard, PIN, and member number that allow them to reserve a vehicle on-line or through an automated phone system. Members choose from a list of vehicle locations near their home or office, block out the period of time they will need a vehicle, and then go to the vehicle during their reserved time. Next, members use their access keycard to unlock it, and they start the vehicle by using the ignition key found in the docking station in the glove box. All reservations are round-trip and the vehicle must be returned to its reserved parking location at the conclusion of the trip.

Who uses Flexcar any why?

Over 500 companies, organizations, universities and 50,000 individuals nationwide use Flexcar. Companies use the Flexcar fleet as their own fleet of company vehicles. Since members only pay for Flexcar vehicles while they are using them, it's a great way for companies to eliminate the high fixed-cost of traditional work mobility options such as: monthly parking, mileage reimbursement programs or conventional company cars.

Flexcar, public transportation and commute trip reduction (CTR).

As parking costs and gas prices increase, more and more commuters are considering alternatives to driving to work, however, many individuals are obligated to have a vehicle during the day for appointments. Flexcar membership enables commuters to bus, bike or vanpool to work and still have a car available at the office.

Does it cost to join?

Sign all your employees up for free if your company agrees to a 12-month term. Otherwise, a \$35 application and \$40 annual fee apply.

Flexcar value comparison: mileage reimbursement and fleet vehicles

Mileage reimbursement: using Flexcar will be less expensive than reimbursing employees for parking and mileage for most trips that are 3 hours or less, or trips that are very mileage intensive, such as to Portland.

Fleet vehicles: add up the total cost of operating a company car (insurance, gas, parking, maintenance, depreciation) and divide it by the actual number of hours it is used each month and you'll see that the actual price per hour used is over \$10/hour.

Flexcar rates – \$7.20 to \$8.00/hour (based on volume), \$50 - \$80/day including gas, unlimited mileage, insurance, and monthly parking.

To join or for more information:

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