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Transit Benefits: It 's the RIDE Thing to Do

Village of Richton Park

RICHTON PARK, IL. February 8, 2016 - If you're looking for a way to save on your commuting costs, consider signing up for the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Transit Benefit Fare program. It's a great benefit that saves employees up to 40% annually on commuting costs while also reducing the company's payroll taxes. It's simple to enroll and the cost savings and environmental benefits are priceless.

The RTA Transit Benefit Fare program is easy and affordable. It serves more than 1,400 companies throughout the Chicago region. Over 22,000 employees enjoy the benefit of saving money while commuting on the Chicago Transit Authority, Metra, Pace, South Shore, Amtrak, Chicago Water Taxi, and other public transportation providers. The low-cost program is easy for organizations to administer and manage, and provides a one-stop shop for all your employees' transit needs.

It's simple! Here's how it works:

1. Check with your employer to see if they offer the RTA Transit Benefit Fare program.
2. If they offer the program, sign up!
3. If your employer doesn't offer the program, encourage them to enroll in the program by visiting www.mytransitbenefit.com or contacting the RTA at 312.913.3230.
4. Once your employer has enrolled into the RTA Transit Benefit Fare program, just sign up!

In December, Congress approved an increase in the amount of money employees can set aside each month to use toward their commuter costs. For 2016, riders enrolled in a transit benefit fare program can deduct up to \$255 in pre-tax dollars each month from their paychecks.

Did you know that public transportation can save time and money, and produce environmental and health benefits as well? According to the [American Public Transportation Association](#), employees who commute using transit rather than driving and parking can save up to \$916 monthly and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Additionally, employees who commute using transit get up to three times more physical activity per day than employees who commute by car. How's that for stress reduction?

Learn more about the RTA Transit Benefit Fare program by visiting www.mytransitbenefit.com.



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