

North Reading

Senior Center Van

Local service Monday to Thursday 8-4pm and Friday 8-1pm for residents age 60+ to locations within North Reading, to some Wilmington medical facilities, and advertised trips. **Call (978) 664-5600** to book a ride, by 3pm the business day prior.

North Reading Rides Together

Senior-center based volunteers assist residents to identify available ride options, and volunteer drivers fill gaps in services. This service helps residents age 60+ and people with disabilities access medical appointments. **Leave (978) 664-5600** at least one week in advance to request a ride. The Senior Center offers backup coverage for volunteers.

North Reading Veterans Department

Veterans or their spouses receiving Chapter 115 may be eligible for transportation reimbursement to medical appointments. **Call (978) 664-5211** for assistance.

Tools to find options

Ride Match

Start with Ride Match, an online, searchable database of transportation options in Massachusetts. <https://massridematch.org/>

Google Maps

Looking for directions by bus or subway? Use Google Maps just as you would for driving directions, but hit the train icon to get transit directions. <https://www.google.com/maps>

Statewide Hotlines

Mass211 has information about transportation and other services statewide: call 2-1-1
<https://www.mass211.org/>

MassOptions connects seniors and people with disabilities to services; call 1-844-422-6277
<https://www.massoptions.org/>

INDEX: Call 1-800-642-0249 for information on services for people with disabilities in Massachusetts <https://disabilityinfo.org/>

North Reading Transportation Options

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In a medical emergency, call 911

Disclaimer: Many resources listed are not coordinated by the town; it is up to the individual to make their own arrangements and charges may apply.

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Regional/Public Providers

Medi MeVa (Merrimack Valley Transit) provides free rides to medical appointments at Lahey Peabody or Boston hospitals Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays; or Bedford VA Wednesdays and Fridays. **Call (978) 469-6878 Option 3** for more information or to make a reservation <https://www.mvrta.com/>

MBTA (Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority) includes nearby commuter rail services in Reading, Wilmington and Woburn. **The Ride (MBTA)** paratransit does not pick up riders North Reading, but may be available to eligible residents with trips originating nearby. Application process and eligibility brochure are available online. **Call (617) 337-2727** for the Mobility Center <https://www.mbta.com/accessibility/the-ride>

TRIP Metro North (Mystic Valley Elder Services) adults 60+ and adults living with disabilities arrange their own ride (with friends, neighbors, and others) and TRIP will send you a monthly check to reimburse your driver. **To apply, call (781) 324-7705, ext. 346.** <https://www.mves.org/>

Additional Special Services

*Ask your doctor, hospital or insurance company for transportation options based on your medical needs. **PACE, SCO, ACO, and some Medicare Advantage plans cover rides. Ask the Senior Center about SHINE Medicare Counseling if you'd like to see these options.***

If you receive state or federal benefits or participate in social service programs, ask program staff for transportation options or subsidies. (All decisions about eligibility rest with the agencies.)

MassHealth PT-1 for MassHealth covered services. **Call (800) 841-2900 (TTY: 800-497-4648)** to qualify for rides and to be assigned a broker for individual ride requests. <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/get-a-ride-to-masshealth-medical-appointments>

American Cancer Society Road to Recovery for trips to cancer-related medical appointments. **Call 1-800-227-2345.**

VA Medical Rides may offer transit assistance for appointments, and offers a shuttle service from Bedford to Boston VAs. **Call (781) 687-2505** to learn more.

DAV Volunteer Rides Contact at least 1 week in advance. **Call (617) 295-7001** for assistance.

Additional Private Services

On-demand Ride-hailing (Uber, Lyft, etc.)

If you need assistance downloading or using an app, ask the Flint Memorial Library or North Reading Senior Center about tech tutoring.

Call 833-USE-UBER from your cellphone to request an Uber, and a \$5 phone reservation fee will be added to the price of your trip. You must use text messages to confirm the ride.

GoGoGrandparent, Lively/Jitterbug phone plans and Home Instead Home Care offer Uber or Lyft booking as part of subscription products.

Taxis & Non-Emergency Medical Transport

Malden Car Service Call (781) 333-4881

Wilmington Taxi Call (978) 658-3859

Abundant Home Health: ambulatory incl. after anesthesia (617) 795-2171

Annex Transit: ambulatory, wheelchair incl. after anesthesia (978) 618-6795

Caring Choice Transportation: ambulatory, wheelchair incl. after anesthesia (978) 375-3026

Our Pleasure to Help: ambulatory to Boston, incl. anesthesia (781) 862-4300

Palms Pride: ambulatory, wheelchair incl. after anesthesia (781) 354-3404