

Get There Better

The daily commute doesn't have to be a grueling schlep.

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Simple But Crucial

Keep your trousers clear of bike-chain grease, and increase your visibility to traffic (reflective ankle band, \$6.99 at [Metro Bicycles](#), 75 Varick St., at Grand St.; 212-334-8000).



Go Anywhere Bag

Toss your work papers, lunch, and gym gear into a sturdy canvas Mason bag (by [BillyKirk](#), \$330 at [Camouflage](#), 141 Eighth Ave., nr. 17th St.; 212-741-9118).

Tune Out the World

Plug these new headphones into your iPod, and put the city on mute (Shure SE210 Sound Isolating Earphones, \$149.95 at the [Apple Store](#), 103 Prince St., nr. Greene St.; 212-226-3126).



Sleep Later

Brew your coffee en route with an insulated French-press travel mug (\$29.95 at [Bodum](#), 415 W. 14th St., nr. Ninth Ave.; 212-367-9125).



Peace of Mind

Keep your commuting vehicle safe with Kryptonite's new four-disc lock (39-inch-long chain and lock, \$109.99 at [Chelsea Bicycles](#), 130 W. 26th St., nr. Sixth Ave.; 646-230-7716).



A Cheat Sheet

The Tiny General Manhattan map fits a comprehensive plan of the island on a wallet-size card (\$1.95 at [Tiny Living](#), 125 E. 7th St., nr. Ave. A; 212-228-2748).





Convertible for Your Feet

Click the heel up when it's party time, lock it in the flat position for the sidewalk (Camileon Heels, \$305 at Eneslow, 470 Park Ave. S., at 32nd St.; 212-477-2300).



No Bike Lock Hassles

Get to work fast with Go-ped's folding, full-size KnowPed scooter, built with aircraft-grade steel (\$149 at NYCEwheels, 1603 York Ave., nr. 85th St.; 212-737-3078).

In Case of Emergency

Call a Car

The subway's flooded, the bus is packed, and cab competition is rabid—call for backup (Dial 7 Car and Limousine Service, prices vary by pickup location and destination; 212-777-7777).



When the Train Stalls

Control an MTA-induced panic attack with a spritz of an anxiety-quelling aromatherapy spray (Bach Rescue Remedy spray, \$17.99 at [Westerly Natural Market](#), 911 Eighth Ave., at 54th St.; 212-586-5262).



Warn the Boss

Recharge your cell-phone battery in minutes, even if its power cord is at home (Energizer Energi to Go instant cell-phone charger, \$19.99 at CVS Pharmacy, 272 Eighth Ave., nr. 24th St.; 212-255-2592).



Zap Germs

Reach for EO's organic-lemon hand sanitizer if subway poles give you the heebie-jeebies (\$3.99 for two ounces at [Whole Foods Market](#), 10 Columbus Circle, nr. 58th St.; 212-823-9600).



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