

# CAN I PARK HERE?

## PARKING on the STREETS of SEATTLE

Proper parking on Seattle streets helps everyone and accommodates the different needs of many users. It enables people to get to where they need to go safely and contributes to vibrant business and residential districts.

Illegal parking creates safety hazards and is an inconvenience to those following the law.

The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) regulates parking within public rights-of-way, including installing and maintaining paid parking, loading and short-term access in business districts and restricted parking zones in residential areas.

The Seattle Police Department (SPD) mission is to prevent crime, enforce the law and support quality public safety by delivering respectful, professional and dependable public services. SPD is responsible for enforcing parking and traffic regulations.

# PARKING TICKETS

If you receive a parking ticket, you have 15 days to act on one of four options as instructed on the back of the ticket:

**BY MAIL:** Send the provided envelope to:  
Municipal Court of Seattle  
PO Box 34987  
Seattle, WA 98124-4987

**BY PHONE:** (206) 684-5600

**ONLINE:** [www.seattle.gov/courts/](http://www.seattle.gov/courts/)

**IN PERSON:**  
Municipal Court of Seattle  
600 5th Avenue  
Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

## COURT HEARINGS

You may request a mitigation hearing if you agree that you committed the infraction, but would like to explain the circumstances before a Seattle Court Magistrate. Call (206) 684-5600 for more information.

## UNPAID TICKETS CONSEQUENCES

Vehicles with four or more unpaid parking tickets will get “the boot,” a wheel locking device. If tickets and other fees are not paid within 48 hours the vehicle will be towed. More information at: [www.seattle.gov/scofflaw](http://www.seattle.gov/scofflaw)

## CONTESTING TICKETS

Request a contested hearing if you believe you were issued the ticket in error and want to contest the ticket before a Seattle Court Magistrate. Call (206) 684-5600 for more information.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## ON-STREET PAID PARKING

Paid parking is generally in effect 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Seven areas have extended parking hours until 8 p.m. These are the Commercial Core, Belltown, Chinatown/ International District, Pike-Pine, Capitol Hill, Uptown and the University District.

Parking rates and hours vary by neighborhood district. Many arterial streets have morning and evening commute parking restrictions. Please read instructions carefully.

## PROPER DISPLAY of PAY STATION RECEIPTS

Display a paystation receipt inside the vehicle on the front seat side window nearest to the curb. For angled parking, proper display means affixing receipt to the inside of the driver side window. For motorcycles and scooters, receipts should be affixed on the headlight cover. Do not display more than one receipt at a time. Do not feed the meter.

## CONTACTS

For more information:  
(206) 684-ROAD (7623)

To request a parking enforcement officer for non-emergencies: (206) 625-5011

To report abandoned vehicles: (206) 684-8763



[www.seattle.gov/police](http://www.seattle.gov/police)



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## 22 Ways to Avoid Parking Tickets



**SUBJECT to TICKET and TOWING**



**ALLEYS**

Do not park or stop in alleys. Only commercial vehicles are allowed to temporarily stop to load and unload for up to 30 minutes.



**CROSSWALKS**

Do not park within 20 feet of the approach to marked or unmarked crosswalks.



**DRIVEWAYS**

Do not park within 5 feet of driveways. Residents and property owners may paint curbs yellow for 5 feet on either side of driveway.



**FIRE HYDRANTS**

Do not park within 15 feet of fire hydrants.



**SIDEWALKS and PLANTING STRIPS**

Do not park on the sidewalk or on any gravel or concrete planted area between the curb and sidewalk.

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**STOP SIGNS and YIELD SIGNS**

Parking is not allowed within 30 feet of these signs.



**TOW-AWAY ZONES**

No stopping allowed in these zones or zones that are painted red.



**NO PARKING ZONES**

Parking is not allowed in these zones.



**BUS ZONES**

Only buses are allowed in these zones. Curb color is red and yellow striped.



**TEMPORARY NO PARKING ZONES**

Parking is not allowed during the times and dates posted on the temporary "No Parking" signs.

**OTHER SPECIAL ZONES**

Parking is not allowed in other special zones such as taxi zones, charter bus zones and carshare zones.

**UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES**



**DISABLED PARKING**

Do not park in areas designated for disabled parking unless you or your passenger are disabled and your vehicle displays a valid disabled placard, license plate or tab. Improper use can lead to fines up to \$455.



**CARPOOL PARKING**

Do not park in designated carpool parking zones during the posted hours, unless your vehicle has a Carpool Parking Permit issued by the City of Seattle. To apply, call (206) 386-4648.



**RESTRICTED PARKING ZONE (RPZ)**

Vehicles with RPZ permits, issued by the City of Seattle, can park anytime in these spaces for up to 72 hours. Vehicles without permits are limited to the time posted. To apply, call (206) 684-5086.



**PEAK HOURS**

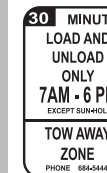
Do not park during the posted times or your vehicle will be towed. Peak hours vary, so read signs closely.



**TIME-LIMITED AREAS**

Parking is allowed for up to the maximum hours posted. Vehicles must move off the block (i.e. around the corner) when time expires.

**WITH TIME RESTRICTIONS**



**LOAD and UNLOAD**

All vehicles are allowed to actively load or unload during the time allowed. Curb color is yellow.



**PASSENGER LOAD**

All vehicles are allowed 3 minutes to pick up and drop off passengers during the hours posted. Curb color is white.



**TRUCK LOAD and UNLOAD**

Do not park in these spaces unless you have a truck-licensed vehicle. The space can only be used to load or unload during the time allowed. Curb color is yellow.



**COMMERCIAL VEHICLE LOAD ZONES**

Commercial Vehicle Load Zones (CVZ) are for truck-licensed vehicles to load and unload for up to 30 minutes at a time. A valid CVZ permit is required. Commercial vehicles may park and pay at the yellow meter or pay station for up to 30 minutes. For additional information, call (206) 684-5103.

**OTHER SITUATIONS**

**LICENSE PLATES and TABS**

Do not park on-street with missing front or rear plates or with expired tabs.

**72-HOUR ON-STREET**

Do not park a vehicle on the same block of any city street longer than 72 hours. When left unmoved over 72 hours, the vehicle is considered abandoned and can be ticketed or towed.