



Why Does SDOT Manage Street Parking?

We manage street parking to support a vibrant city with connected people, places, and products.

We use the space next to the curb for parking, but we also use it for bus and bike lanes, deliveries, cafés, and other things. Many people and businesses want to use this space, but there is a limited amount, so we must share it. Based on our City's priorities, we make decisions about the best ways to use this space. We want you to be able to get around Seattle safely and efficiently. We also want to support businesses and livable neighborhoods, while working toward our climate goals.

HOW WE MANAGE STREET PARKING:

We use different tools to manage the space next to the curb. Paid parking spaces and load zones are two ways we create short-term access near businesses. And in some residential neighborhoods, we create Restricted Parking Zones (RPZs) to reduce all-day commuter parking near hospitals, universities, and other major institutions. To make sure people can use these spaces as planned, we work with the Seattle Police Department's Parking Enforcement team and the Seattle Municipal Court.

We have several ways for you to contact us when you have questions or need help. You'll find helpful contact information in this brochure.

Parking Tickets

We hope you avoid parking tickets. However, if you receive a ticket, you have 15 days to act. You have multiple options for making payment:

BY MAIL, IN THE PROVIDED ENVELOPE

Municipal Court of Seattle
PO Box C-34109
Seattle, WA 98124-1109

By phone:
(206) 233-7000

Online:
seattle.gov/courts/tickets-and-payments/pay-my-ticket



IN PERSON

- Municipal Court of Seattle, 600 5th Ave, Monday–Friday, 8 AM–5 PM
- Secure drop box to the right of the main entrance outside the courthouse
- Seattle Customer Service Centers

COURT HEARINGS

If you believe you were issued the ticket in error and want to contest the ticket before a judge, you may request a contested hearing.

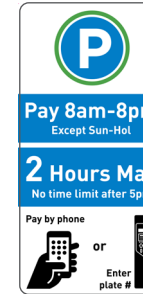
If you agree you committed the violation but would like to ask a judge to reduce the penalty due to the circumstances, you may request a mitigation hearing.

For more information:
(206) 684-5600 or seattle.gov/courts/tickets-and-payments/dispute-my-ticket

On-Street Paid Parking

Paid parking is generally in effect from 8 AM to 8 PM, Monday to Saturday. Some neighborhoods have paid parking until 10 PM, and some special events might also require paid parking on Sundays and holidays as well. Always read the signs on the street. Rates and hours are adjusted three times a year and vary based on local conditions. Many busy streets have parking restrictions during the morning and evening commutes.

Mobile payment and pay station kiosks are available in all paid parking areas. Download the app at your app store and set up an account for fast and convenient parking payment.



Contacts and Information

For more information:
(206) 684-7623

To request a parking enforcement officer for non-emergencies:
(206) 625-5011, option #6

To report abandoned vehicles:
Use the Find It, Fix It app or call (206) 684-8763

If your car has been towed from a public street:
(206) 364-2000 or go to seattleimpound.com

For SDOT parking information, including free parking days, paid parking rates, and maps:
seattle.gov/parking

For a smart phone-optimized downtown parking map:
DowntownSeattleParking.com

CAN I PARK HERE?



Check the signs and avoid a ticket

WE'LL SHOW YOU HOW



UNPAID TICKETS

Vehicles with four or more unpaid parking tickets will get the boot. Once booted, unless tickets and other fees are paid within 48 hours, the vehicle will be towed.

More information at:
seattle.gov/courts/tickets-and-payments/my-car-got-booted

PARKING NOT ALLOWED

Alleys

Do not park or stop in alleys. Commercial vehicles may load/unload for up to 30 minutes.

Stop & Yield

Do not park within 30 feet of Stop and Yield signs, nor within 20 feet of a crosswalk.

Driveways

Do not park within 5 feet of driveways. Residents/property owners may paint the curb yellow for 5 feet on each side of a driveway.

Fire Hydrants

Do not park within 15 feet of hydrants.

Sidewalks and Planting Strips

Do not park on sidewalks or the planting strip between the sidewalk and the street.

Intersections and Crosswalks

Do not park within an intersection, on a crosswalk, or within 20 feet of the crosswalk, which can include "T" intersections. Check for no parking signs. Crosswalks can be marked (with paint) or unmarked (no paint).



Tow-Away Zones

Do not stop in these zones or in any zones painted red.



No Parking Zones

Do not park in these zones.



Temporary No Parking Zones

Do not park here during the posted dates and times. For questions, call (206) 684-7623.

Other Designated Zones

Do not park in areas designated for buses, taxis, charter buses, carshare vehicles, or across cross-hatched pavement markings.

Commercial and Large-Sized Vehicles

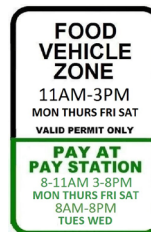
Do not park any vehicle over 80 inches wide on any street or alley, except in Industrial Zones, between midnight and 6 AM.

PARKING SOMETIMES ALLOWED



Parking for People with Disabilities

Do not park in designated disabled parking or use a permit unless: 1) you or your passenger has a disability, and 2) your vehicle displays a valid disabled placard, license plate, or tab. The fine for improper use is up to \$450.



Food Vehicle Zones

Only permitted food trucks may park during the posted times under "Food Vehicle Zone." Others can park outside of those times, but payment may be required as posted under "Pay at a Pay Station."



Restricted Parking Zones (RPZ)

If your vehicle has an RPZ permit, you may park along signed RPZ streets for up to 72 hours. If not, you are limited to the time posted. Call: (206) 684-5086.



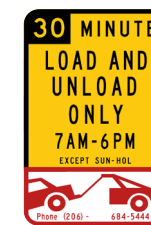
Peak Hours

Do not park during the posted times, or your vehicle will be towed. Restricted hours vary so check signs carefully.



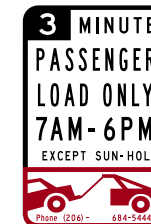
Time-Limited Areas

Park up to posted time limit. You must then move your vehicle off the block (both sides of the street): for example, to the next block or around the corner.



Load and Unload

All vehicles may load/unload during posted hours. (Curb color: yellow)



Passenger Load

All vehicles may stop for 3 minutes to pick up and drop off passengers during posted hours. (Curb color: white)



Truck Load and Unload

Only truck-licensed vehicles may load/unload during posted hours. (Curb color: yellow)



Commercial Vehicle Load Zones (CVLZ)

Only commercial vehicles may load/unload up to 30 minutes. Either payment is required or a valid CVLZ permit. Call: (206) 684-5103. (Curb color: yellow.)

Other Situations

LICENSE PLATES AND TABS

Vehicles parked on street with missing front or rear license plates, or with expired tabs, may be ticketed.

72-HOUR RULE

Do not park your vehicle on the same block for more than 72 consecutive hours, or the vehicle will be considered abandoned and may be ticketed or towed.

HOW CLOSE CAN I PARK?

