Parking Regulations 2018-2019

Parking Services is a receiving generating auxiliary, funded entirely through revenues generated by permit sales and other fees. Parking Services is located in the Hoffman Building (Parking Services Department) at the corner of South 7th Avenue and Kagy Boulevard. For parking information, call 406-994-1273. Parking Services offers restricted zones and sufficient parking for all personnel and visitors on the University of Montana. Those persons operating motor vehicles on University-owned property on their personal conveyance committed to the University. Also, they are deemed the part of the terms and conditions of admission and enrollment of students, employment, or participation in University-sponsored extracurricular activities, or motor vehicles on campus.

For more information on the authority of Parking Services to enforce these regulations, please refer to https://g-montana.edu/mca/0020/0205/0206/0210.html

Parking Regulations are in effect weekdays 6am - 6pm. In the Garage, all regulations are enforced over winter, spring and summer breaks. Parking Regulations are suspended on university and staff holidays and weekends.

Parking Regulations are enforced on all Montana State University property. This includes the main campus, stadium and Family & Graduate Housing.

Weather, special events, construction and other factors may impact parking availability. A parking permit does not guarantee that a space will be available at all times.

A digital copy of these regulations may be found at:
https://www.montana.edu/parking/ParkingRegulations2018-2019-online.pdf

I. WHERE SHOULD I PARK?

A. Campus parking map is available online at:
https://www.montana.edu/parking/documents/ParkingMap.pdf

B. Visitor parking is available in the Garage located behind Norm Asbjornson Hall at the corner of South 7th Avenue and Kagy Boulevard. Alternatively, visitors may buy daily permits through Parking Services at the Hoffman Building.

C. Free parking is available in areas indicated in red, on the campus map parking.

Questions may be directed to Parking Services by calling 406-994-1273.

II. PARKING REGULATIONS

A. Definitions

1. Vehicle: Any motorized conveyance having three or more wheels, including "bikes" and ATVs, designed or used to transport persons or property on the highways of the state.

2. Motorcycle: Any motorized conveyance with two wheels and a seat or saddle for the use of the operator.

3. Bicycle: A vehicle propelled solely by human power on which any person may ride, propelled by any kind of engine, but not including a power drive system that functions directly or automatically only and does not require clutching or shifting by the operator after the drive system is engaged.

4. Moped: A vehicle equipped with two or three wheels, foot pedals to permit pedaling propulsion, and an independent power source providing a maximum of two brake horsepower. The power source may not be capable of propelling the device, unassisted, at a speed exceeding 30 miles per hour on a level surface.

5. Scooter: A vehicle that is designed for personal transportation via a power drive system that functions directly or automatically and is propelled by propelling power of the device, unassisted, at a speed exceeding 30 miles per hour on a level surface.

6. All-terrain vehicle: A vehicle designed to operate on rough terrain and requiring a minimum turning radius of 180 degrees.

7. Snowmobile: A vehicle designed to operate on snow or ice.

8. Radial wheels: A wheel with the outer diameter of the tire less than 9.5 inches.

9. Terminal (MN): A vehicle that is not domestic and has a ground clearance of less than 6 inches.

10. Limited Line (ML): A vehicle that is limited to a defined line or area.

11. Limited Area (MA): A vehicle that is limited to a defined area.

12. Limited Hours (MN): A vehicle that is limited to a defined time period.

13. Parking Services: The department responsible for enforcing the University’s parking regulations on the campus.

B. Parking

1. Vehicles may park in any lot for which they have the appropriate permit. Refer to the campus parking map for lots and permit designations.

2. Motorcycles may only park in designated motorcycle parking areas with an "MC" permit. Refer to the campus parking map for designated motorcycle parking.

3. Bicycles do not require a permit and may park in any bike rack on campus. Bicycles locked to trees, fences, poles or anything other than an approved bike rack may be removed and impounded.

4. Reserved spaces, marked with gold signs, are enforced as signed.

5. Reserved spaces located on 2nd, 3rd and 4th floors of the Garage are enforced Mon-Fri from 6am-6pm.

6. ADA accessible parking is available in spaces marked with designated signs. A handicap parking permit or license plate issued by state government is required. A university parking permit is also required.

7. The following parking designations apply: Mon-Fri, 6am-6pm:
   a. SB and LES (daily commuters) permit holders may park in any SB, LES, E or FH lots.
   b. E and LES (residence hall students) permit holders may park only in E or FH lots.
   c. F and LF (daily commuter students) permit holders may park only in the F lots.
   d. MN (limited hours) permit holders may park in SB, E and F lots after 3:30pm and before 7:30am.
   e. FH (Family & Graduate Housing) permit holders may park only in FH designated areas.
   f. Students not living in the University’s residence halls must obtain an appropriate permit.

8. No parking will be allowed at any time in service drives, service parking or loading zones without securing permission. To obtain prior permission, call Parking Services at 406-994-1273.

9. Family & Graduate Housing
   a. Residents parking in Family & Graduate Housing are required to display either a valid FH or SB permit at all times.
   b. Owners are required to display a valid permit, from their rearview mirror, weekdays 6am-6pm. Family housing permit is obtainable in the Family & Graduate Housing Office during business hours at no cost. FHG visitor permits are not valid for parking on the main campus.
   c. Any person(s) designated as "reliable" by the Family & Graduate Housing Office will be allowed to access the residence hall. Visitors are not permitted on campus without prior permission from the residence hall staff.

10. Stadium
   a. Stadium parking permits are available in lots adjacent to the stadium.
   b. Parking conditions as depicted on this map and in these regulations are subject to change; actual signage on streets and in lots should be followed regardless of map depictions.
   c. Any change in vehicle registration information must be reported to Parking Services as soon as practicable. The owner of record assumes all liability for parking violations.
   d. In the event of an accident involving a vehicle on University property must be reported to University Police as soon as practicable.

G. Appeals
   a. Fines may be appealed at montana.edu/parking/appeals.html. Appeals must be submitted within 10 days of the citation issue date. Fines upheld by the Parking Appeals Committee must be paid within 10 calendar days of the appeal decision to avoid additional fees.
   b. Appeals process is not an alternative to full compliance with these parking regulations; therefore, the following issues are not legitimate grounds for an appeal and will not be referred to the appeals board:
      1. a citation will not be reduced to a warning solely because it is the recipient’s first citation.
      2. Lost citations do not alleviate the responsibility to pay the citation. The fact that a citation is issued is prima face evidence that it was placed on the vehicle. When vehicle/ license descriptions on the citation match the owners records held in the parking database then the citation cannot be appealed solely on the grounds that it was not received.
      4. Failure to take note of properly signed and marked areas.
      5. Unfortuitously with University Parking Regulations.

H. Towing
   a. Any vehicle found in violation of the following may be towed and impounded by the Parking Services:
      1. Vehicles parked in R spaces without a valid permit or permission from the Office of the President.
      2. Vehicles parked in a no parking zone or area not designated for parking.
      3. Vehicles displaying a lost, stolen, forged, altered or counterfeit permit.
      4. Any vehicle constituting a hazard or interfering with university operations.
      5. Vehicles that are unregistered with Parking Services and have accumulated more than three unpaid parking citations.
      6. Vehicles that are registered with Parking Services and have accumulated ten or more unpaid parking citations in one academic year. The offender must surrender their parking permit to remove the impounded vehicle and will not be eligible for a permit refund. Parking privileges will be suspended for the remainder of the academic year.
      7. The owner/owner of any towed vehicle will be liable for towing and impounded costs in addition to parking fines.
      8. tow fees will apply when the tow truck is dispatched.
      9. MSU assumes no liability for damages caused by the towing process.
      10. MSU will not claim non-impounded vehicles will be disposed of as an abandoned vehicle in accordance with State Law.

Parking Services may tow and impound any vehicle without prior notification.

Use or possession of a lost, stolen, forged, altered or counterfeit permit is subject to criminal prosecution.