

# T&P FAQ

## Why do I need a permit?

Transportation & Parking Services at The Ohio State University is a self-supporting entity, relying solely on user fees for all construction, maintenance, and operation of parking facilities and Campus Area Bus Service.

Vehicles parked on The Ohio State University Columbus Campus must purchase and display a parking permit annually, unless the vehicle is parked in a pay facility (i.e. garage or metered parking space). The parking permit indicates that the required fees have been paid for use of the facilities.

A parking permit authorizes an individual to park on University property. It is the customer's obligation to use the permit in accordance with T&P's rules and regulations. **Parking permits are not transferable to another individual.**

## How do I display my permit?

The permit is not considered valid unless it is hanging from the inside rearview mirror, with the permit type and number clearly displayed.

## What if all of the spaces are full?

**A parking permit does not guarantee the holder a specific parking space.** It provides the opportunity to park within an area designated for a specific permit type. Drivers are responsible for finding an authorized parking space. Lack of available space, inclement weather, or other conditions do not justify parking illegally.

*If you have any questions about where and when you can park on campus, call 292-9341 or e-mail us at: [tpinfo@osu.edu](mailto:tpinfo@osu.edu).*

## Is it okay if I park "here"?

There are many areas on campus where it might appear that a car would fit, when in fact it is not a legal parking place. We are required, for safety reasons, to maintain specific widths in drive aisles. Parking stalls are always designated with two painted lines on each side, or in gravel lots there are curb blocks creating the "edge" at the end of each row. If a car is parked with only one line, in an area with yellow hash marks or a big "X", it is not a legal space and a citation may be issued. When in doubt, call T&P at 292-9341 before you park.

## Tips about Parking on Campus

- Read all parking signs before you park.
- Allow enough time to park and walk to your destination.
- Remember the allotted amount of time when you are parked at a meter.
- Consider parking away from Central Campus (i.e. West Campus) and riding CABS. It is often faster to ride the bus than to find a closer parking space.
- If you forget your permit, you may purchase a Visitor's Permit or pay the garage fees.
- Dorm residents are not permitted to park overnight (3:00AM - 5:00AM) in a campus parking garage at any time. (Please see page 25 regarding overnight parking.)
- If your vehicle experiences mechanical difficulties and you are parked illegally, please contact T&P at 292-9341 to report the incident. Parking light flashers and notes on the dashboard do not authorize illegal parking.
- Special events and construction requirements may impact travel and parking on campus. Please check our web site for updates: [www.tp.osu.edu](http://www.tp.osu.edu).
- **Always call Transportation & Parking Services for current, correct answers to your parking questions. Other sources may not have the current information.**

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