



Northwestern University - Chicago Campus

PARKING ADMINISTRATION

Rules and regulations for the Chicago campus have been developed with recommendations from the parking committee and University central administration. The committee consists of representatives of the faculty, staff, and student body. The Chicago campus parking policy was developed to

- ensure current facilities allow maximum capacity and are allocated for use in the best interests of the University and its affiliates, including employees, students, patients, and area visitors
- ensure an equitable assignment of all available University parking spaces

For Evanston campus parking information, please see northwestern.edu/parking.

CHICAGO CAMPUS PERMIT-ELIGIBLE PARKING FACILITIES

Abbott Lot
710 North Lake Shore Drive
Note: Heating plant spaces at Abbott Hall require authorization from the Parking Office.

Huron Superior Parking A
222 East Huron Street

Erie Ontario Parking C & D
321 East Erie Street

275 East Chestnut
275 East Chestnut Street

441 East Ontario
441 East Ontario Street



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Parking Information and Map

Transportation & Parking

710 North Lake Shore Drive
Abbott Hall, Room 100
Chicago, Illinois 60611-3078

312-503-1103
chicagoparking@northwestern.edu
northwestern.edu/transportation-parking

Office Hours

8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday
Closed on weekends and University holidays

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TRANSPORTATION & PARKING

PERMIT TYPES

Commuter permits allow unlimited parking access to the assigned facility. However, storage of a vehicle for more than 24 hours is not permitted.

Evening/Weekend permits allow parking from 4 p.m. to 8 a.m., Monday through Friday, and 24 hours on Saturdays, Sundays, and University holidays.

Weekend Only permits allow parking in Abbott Lot from 5 p.m. Friday to 8 a.m. Monday or in Erie Ontario from 4 p.m. Friday to 8 a.m. Monday.

COMMUTER PERMIT ELIGIBILITY

Commuter permits are available to faculty, staff, and students who meet the following criteria:

- Reside outside the designated boundaries of the Chicago campus walking zone: you must live north of North Avenue, west of Halsted Street, or south of Congress Parkway. Local addresses are obtained from official University records.
- Have no unpaid/non-appealed University parking violations
- Have departmental approval for parking privileges through their department or school
- For faculty and staff: at least 50 percent of their salary is paid by Northwestern University

OBTAINING A PERMIT

Chicago campus parking permits are available beginning in mid-September. Permits are sold to students on an annual, academic year, or quarterly basis. Faculty and staff parking rates are based on a salary-tiered structure and are paid through monthly pre-tax payroll deductions.

Commuter permits first require departmental approval; once approved, you will receive an application via email.

Evening and Weekend permits do not require departmental approval. Please apply online.

See northwestern.edu/transportation-parking/chicago-parking/permits/application.html for complete application details and links.

A parking permit does not imply or guarantee a specific parking space or lot assignment.

The following must be presented to purchase a parking permit:

- valid Northwestern University Wildcard
- valid driver's license
- current vehicle registration or insurance card

Your primary affiliation with the University determines the type of permit you are eligible to purchase. Faculty and staff who are also enrolled students are not eligible for student parking rates.

All parking permits are non-transferable. Replacement decals may be purchased at the Chicago Parking Office for a nominal fee. Transportation & Parking reserves the right to assign specific parking lots.

Falsification of any information for the purpose of obtaining a parking permit or repeated violations of rules and regulations may result in the forfeiture of all parking permits, fees, and eligibility for any subsidized parking rates. The University assumes no responsibility or liability for any damages caused by fire, theft, casualty, or any other cause whatsoever with respect to any vehicle or its contents in the areas subject to the University's jurisdiction.

DISPLAYING PERMITS

Parking permits must be affixed to the vehicle's outside rear windshield, lower corner of the passenger side. Do not attach with tape.

Vehicles must be parked with the rear bumper facing the aisle, not backed into parking spaces. Permits must face the aisle.

PARKING VIOLATIONS

The vehicle title/registration holder is responsible for all violations. Parking violations can be paid at the Chicago Parking Office. Common violations that may result in a ticket, deactivated Wildcard/keycard, or towing include:

- Transferring a parking permit to another individual
- Invalid parking permit on vehicle
- Unauthorized or altered parking permit
- Unauthorized parking in reserved or handicapped space

- Parking over yellow line
- Parking in or obstructing traffic lanes, fire lanes, service area, posted area, or other restricted areas

Vehicle storage is not allowed. Any vehicle, including motorcycles, parked in any parking facility for more than 24 hours will be subject to towing at the owner's expense and public parking rates will be applied.

Northwestern University Police enforces parking regulations and issues parking tickets. The Chicago Parking Office records the violations and tracks payment. If payment is not received, the individual's Wildcard/keycard is subject to deactivation and their vehicle may be towed. Reactivation of the Wildcard/keycard will not occur until payment is received.

Parking enforcement is in effect 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. University Police and Transportation & Parking may establish and enforce any special temporary parking restrictions deemed necessary for the safety of its patrons and facilities. University Police and Transportation & Parking reserve the right to deny or revoke any parking privileges.

CANCELLATION POLICY

It is the responsibility of the permit holder to return all permits to the Parking Office if no longer employed or campus parking is no longer desired. Faculty and staff may cancel their parking permit by submitting a cancellation form to the Chicago Parking Office. Faculty and staff must also inform their department parking administrator as soon as possible.

ACCESSIBLE PARKING

All parking garages feature accessible parking spaces for people with disabilities. Contact the Chicago Parking Office for more information.

MOTORCYCLE/SCOOTER PARKING

A limited number of motorcycle/scooter parking permits are available for designated spaces in Abbott Lot and the Erie Ontario parking garage.

BICYCLE PARKING

The bicycle parking room can accommodate 68 bikes and is located in the Erie Ontario parking garage. Enrollment is available for an annual fee of \$25, with priority given to students. Free bicycle racks are available next to the Pritzker School of Law and in the medical complex courtyard between Searle Medical Research Building and Wieboldt Hall.

Shower facilities are available free of charge at Chicago's Lake Shore Park facility. Bike locks can be purchased at cost from the Transportation & Parking Office.

MOTORIST ASSISTANCE

In the event of minor mechanical problems (e.g. low tire inflation, weak car batteries), staff at the Huron Superior and Erie Ontario parking garages may be able to provide assistance or recommend a local roadside assistance service. Please contact the garage office for more information.

UNIVERSITY POLICE ESCORTS

University employees and students can arrange for a police escort to their vehicle by calling University Police at 312-503-8314. Arrangements will be based on time, mode of transportation, and University Police availability.

CHICAGO PARKING OFFICE INFORMATION

The Chicago Parking Office is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday. The Chicago Parking Office observes all University holidays.

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