WSU Parking Services

Frequently Asked Questions from
Main Campus and West Campus Residence Hall Students

When can I apply for a parking permit?
Permit applications for returning WSU students will be accepted starting April 1.

Permit applications for new incoming freshmen will be accepted starting June 1. *You must know your residence hall room assignment to apply.* Applications are accepted starting June 1 to allow upper-classmen an earlier opportunity to apply for a permit.

Are the permit prices listed on the application for one semester or for the school year?
The prices listed on the application are for the school year.

If I am assigned a permit, how do I pay for it?
Once a permit is assigned, the fee is added to your Student Tuition & Fee Statement. The permit fee will be due at the same time your tuition is due.

If I am assigned a permit and the charge is added to my tuition, when will I receive my permit?
If a student applies by July 1 and a permit is assigned, it will be mailed by mid-August to the permanent mailing address listed on the application.

I own a cycle. Do I need a permit for it?
Yes, cycles (mopeds, motorcycles, etc.) require a permit to park in designated areas within WSU lots. Main Campus has a 24-hour cycle pad for residence hall students between Prentiss Hall and Gildemeister. West Campus has a 24-hour cycle pad designated in the Green lot at Maria Hall.

I would like to bring a bicycle to WSU. What is your bike policy?
All bicycles are required to be placed in bike racks on campus. Always lock your bike. At no time are they allowed to be chained to railings, poles, trees, etc. At the end of the school year, bikes must be taken home or they will be impounded as abandoned bikes.
I am living on West Campus and am interested in a permit for the Tan lot. Why is this lot closed for special events?
A Conferencing Center is housed in Tau – the Residence Hall adjacent to the Tan parking lot. When the Center hosts a conference they email the Tan permit holders, in advance, alerting them of the day and time they need to have their vehicle moved out of the lot and into the street. This inconvenience is reflected in the reduced permit cost.

I am living on West Campus and will apply for a Green or Tan permit. Can I use it to park in a Main Campus lot?
No, West Campus permits are not allowed to park in Main Campus lots. The best option is to use the WSU Shuttle service which runs between West and Main Campus. The WSU shuttle service begins at approximately 7:05 am and ends at approximately 2:30 am. If you choose to drive from West Campus to Main Campus, you will need to park on city streets surrounding Main Campus. There is limited space available on city streets around campus.

If I choose not to purchase a permit, can I park on the street?
There are students who choose not to purchase a permit and park on city streets. This method of parking is highly discouraged and very risky! There are two city ordinances students should be aware of when parking on the street to prevent being ticketed/towed by the City. The first is a “20-Hour Parking Ordinance”. Vehicles parked on City of Winona streets in excess of 20 hours are subject to a fine and may also have their vehicle towed. The second is the “Alternate-Side Parking Ordinance”. This goes into effect on November 1 and stays in effect until April 1. Vehicles parked on city streets during this time need to be parked on the correct side of the street. Students will receive an email and flyers will be posted prior to November 1, detailing these two ordinances. Students will need to notify their guests/visitors of these city ordinances.

How do I cancel my permit request?
If you are no longer planning to attend WSU and need to cancel your permit request, please send an email to parking@winona.edu. Include your full name and your WSU ID number. If we have already sent your permit (many permits are mailed by mid August), the permit will need to be returned to our office with your name, ID number and a brief note as to why you no longer need your permit. Please return permits to: WSU Parking Services, P.O. Box 5838, Winona, MN 55987. Permits must be returned by the first class day to qualify for a credit/refund.

How do I contact WSU Parking Services?
Parking Services is located in Maxwell 233. Our office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4 pm. Feel free to contact us by phone, 507-457-5062; email parking@winona.edu or you may obtain information from our website at www.winona.edu/parking.