

AVOID GETTING A CITATION PARK RESPONSIBLY

The easiest way to deal with a parking citation is to avoid getting one in the first place. Know your parking options and park responsibly.

1. If at all possible, use the parking garages. No time limits mean you won't have to hurry back to your vehicle.
2. Signs and curb colors indicate the amount of time allowed or the restrictions at the given location. A red curb means **Don't Even Think About Parking Here!**
3. Commercial loading zones (yellow curbs) are enforced Monday through Saturday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Use is restricted to vehicles with a commercial license plate, a valid commercial loading zone permit or the company name prominently displayed on the vehicle.
4. Passenger loading zones (white curbs) are enforced 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Vehicle must be attended at all times.
5. Disabled spaces (blue signs and/or markings) are strictly enforced and in effect 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Even with a placard, you are **NOT** allowed to park in the cross hatch area adjacent to a disabled parking space.
6. Parking on the street or in a lot in excess of the posted time limit (or feeding the meter) is subject to an overtime parking citation. When the maximum allotted time has expired, you must move your vehicle from that block or lot for the rest of that day. Vehicles displaying a valid disabled placard are exempt from time limits.
7. Licensed contractors may purchase meter bags to provide parking in front of a job site.
8. Avoid a citation – **DO NOT PARK** at red painted curbs, fire hydrants, in crosswalks, at curb ramps, facing on-coming traffic, or in any area where parking is prohibited by a sign or curb marking.



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Remember: Skateboarding, roller skating, roller blading or bicycle riding on the sidewalks is strictly prohibited throughout downtown and in the parking structures.

DOWNTOWN PARKING GARAGES

For worry free parking, use any of the five parking garages conveniently located throughout downtown. Not only are the garages clean, well-lit and secure, but at \$0.75 per hour (\$8 per day maximum), they are cheaper than metered parking and you avoid the risk of a citation as there are no time limits to hinder your visit.

Parking personnel are available 24-hours per day to answer questions, assist with pay-on-foot transactions, and perform security patrols of the facilities. Personnel can be identified by their bright green vests or jackets, or can be contacted by pushing the **assistance** button located on the pay-on-foot machines or panels in the entrance and exit lanes.

If you are employed downtown and need daily parking, a parking permit can be a cost effective option. There are a limited number of monthly permits offered in each of the garages and at select parking lots, subject to space availability. For current information regarding permit rates and availability, visit

www.srcity.org/parking

PROMOTIONAL PARKING

Many downtown businesses validate parking for their customers. Each validation coupon provides one hour of free parking in any of the City's garages. Look for the **Shop Here, Park Free** or **Eat Here, Park Free** signs in the windows of participating merchants.

MOTORCYCLE PARKING

Motorcycle parking is free within designated areas in all of the City's parking lots and garages. Reduced rate two-hour metered motorcycle spaces are located along Fourth Street in the Courthouse Square area. All regular parking requirements apply to motorcycles. Motorcycles may park within, but not in front of or behind, designated parking spaces. It is illegal to park a motorcycle or motorized scooter on the sidewalk.

DOWNTOWN LOTS & ON-STREET METERED PARKING

On-street and surface parking lot spaces are managed by parking meters, either traditional single-space meters or **Pay and Display** stations. As you park in the downtown, be aware of the meters and the requirement to pay for parking between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Pay and Display equipment serves multiple parking spaces and may not be located immediately adjacent to your parking stall. This technology requires that you pay for parking at the pay station and then return to your vehicle to display the receipt on your dash. While the meter location may require a few more steps, this technology offers added benefits when compared to single-space meters, including:

- Expanded payment options, including Visa, MasterCard, debit and coin.
- Ability to take any remaining time to another Pay and Display zone.
- A receipt specifying both the amount of time purchased and the expiration time; information which could be used to document a business expense or contest a parking citation.
- A five minute grace period before an expired meter violation will be issued.
- Self-monitoring equipment alerts maintenance if a problem needs to be addressed.

Metered parking is free on:

- Sunday
- Martin Luther King Day
- Memorial Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- New Year's Day
- Presidents' Day
- Independence Day
- Veterans' Day
- Christmas Day



BICYCLE PARKING

Riding your bicycle is a great way to travel around the City. In fact, Santa Rosa CityBus and Sonoma County Transit have bicycle racks on the front of all their buses to make traveling by transit and bicycle safe, fun and economical. When you arrive downtown, you will find bike racks conveniently located near retail and restaurant establishments. Secure bike lids are available in the parking garage on First Street next to the Downtown Transit Mall. Don't forget to lock your bike and take your belongings with you!

PARKING CITATIONS

If you receive a parking citation, please carefully read and follow the instructions printed on the back of the citation. The fine amount will increase if the citation is not addressed within 21 days.

TOWING

Your vehicle can be towed and impounded for the following reasons:

1. Five or more outstanding parking citations;
2. Parking in a posted unauthorized area or in an unsafe manner;
3. Parking at meters that are posted **No Parking** for special events and for Wednesday Night Market - May through August from 3:30 to 9:00 p.m.

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For complete parking information and to sign up for E-mail updates visit
www.srcity.org/parking



Welcome to Santa Rosa!

Whether you are coming to Santa Rosa for business or pleasure - to shop in one of the charming stores or dine at one of the delightful restaurants, we want your visit to be enjoyable!



Here are the basics on when and where to park, how to avoid the dreaded parking citation, as well as a handy map showing the locations of parking garages and lots, points of interest, and other useful information to ensure that your visit to downtown Santa Rosa is stress free and enjoyable!

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