

FAQs – Avoiding Parking Citations

What is the best way to avoid citations?

Read all parking lot signs carefully. Whether a parking gate is up or down, what is on the lot sign applies. Parking lots work in different ways. Some lots are free weeknights and weekends, some need a permit at all times, and some need a permit during the day and a \$3 payment at night.

How do visitor lots work weeknights and weekends?

Read the sign. All lots near the center of campus require payment at from 5 p.m. until 7:30 a.m. weeknights and all day Saturday and Sunday even if the gate is up. If no attendant is present, locate the pay station in the lot, pay \$3 (cash or credit card), take your receipt and display it on your dashboard. If you park from Friday evening until Monday morning, parking will cost \$9 or \$3 per day.

What about meters?

Pay campus meters - including University Avenue - seven days a week between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. After 5 p.m., no payment is needed at gray or blue meters. Red meters are not meant for long-term use, and they require a \$3 per hour payment at all times.

I got a ticket. Now what?

Appeal it or pay it within five days. After five days and for three monthly intervals, late fees are added. If the citation still has not been paid, further collection action will occur. Citations associated with a student account, may be transferred to BRS. Non-student citations may be sent to state collections. See the [citations page](http://www.colorado.edu/parking/parking/citations/index.html) (<http://www.colorado.edu/parking/parking/citations/index.html>) for more information.

Citation payments can be made by phone (303-492-7384), credit card or debit card. We need the citation number, vehicle license plate or billing account number. The person making a payment must use his or her own credit or debit card, not another person's. We accept Visa, MasterCard and American Express credit and debit cards.

Do you boot or tow vehicles?

When citations and fines escalate to \$50 or more, a vehicle may be subject to tow and impound whether it is parked legally or not on campus. It takes cash to get your vehicle out of impound. We do not boot vehicles in the belief that others have a right to that spot.