



## PARKING METERS



The City of Bellingham maintains over 1300 meters that help ensure parking turnover in high-demand parking areas. Below are a few program FAQs:

### Q: When do I have to pay?

Meters are enforced Monday–Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Parking is FREE weekends, evenings and holidays.

### Q: How much does it cost?

Metered parking costs \$.75 per hour. Our meters accept US coin only.

### Q: How long can I stay?

The meter post shows the time limit. Time is limited so that each parking space can serve many parkers throughout the day. Most meters downtown are limited to 2 hours. Extra coin will not add time past the limit.



### Q: Can't I just add coin when my time expires?

Remember, time limits are enforced so that several cars can use one spot throughout the day. For extended stays use long-term meters in low demand areas or the hourly area of the Parkade. The City also maintains several permit parking facilities for downtown employees.

### Q: The parking meter seems broken; can I park for free?

City code prohibits parking in a space if the meter is broken. Report the meter to Parking Services and we'll get it back in operation as soon as possible.

### Q: Can I stay past the meter limit to load or unload equipment?

In some situations, meter hoods can be rented to block metered parking for short periods. Cost is \$15 per space per day. Contact Parking Services for program details.

### Q: I have a disabled permit; where can I park?

Persons with valid disabled permits can park at the meters for free and time limits do not apply.



### Q: I think I was cited in error; what can I do?

Please remember that enforcement officers are not meter repairmen or hearing officers. After issue, citations are filed in Municipal Court. You may request a hearing within 15 days either to contest or explain the circumstances to the Judge. Follow instructions on the citation and envelope.

With oversight from the Bellingham Parking Commission, meter revenues fund parking facility operation, police and court staff, and future program expansion.

For more information contact:



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