Parking Guide

Parking Services and Connect Card Office
Hunt Hall, Room 001
508.531.2897
parking@bridgew.edu
my.bridgew.edu/departments/pscc/

BSU Police Department
200 Great Hill Drive
Nonemergency calls
508.531.1212
Emergency
911
bsupolice@bridgew.edu
my.bridgew.edu/departments/police
PARKING REGULATIONS

Welcome to Bridgewater State University

Please observe the parking regulations that are outlined in this guide. They are in effect at all times, year-round, and are strictly enforced. Although the university tries not to implement changes in the middle of the academic year, sometimes it is unavoidable. Please refer to our website through the year for updated information.

Parking Permits
All vehicles that are parked on campus must display a parking pass or decal, except during weekends and short-term parking. Campus community members receive parking decals; short-term visitors receive temporary passes.

Parking decals must be permanently affixed to the outside of the vehicle’s rearmost driver’s side window. If you drive a vehicle that does not have a rear driver’s side window (such as a jeep or a convertible) you may affix your decal to the driver’s side bottom corner of the front windshield. Decals do not guarantee a parking space. Decals are not transferable. Replacement decals can be obtained through the Parking Services and Connect Card Office.

Students are charged a yearly parking fee, which is added to the university bill when the students apply for their decal. The decal cost for students taking eight or fewer credits is $80 for the year. The cost for students taking nine or more credits is $195 for the year. Summer parking permits are $25. The BSU refund policy is followed when requesting a refund. Please check with the Parking Services and Connect Card Office for more information.

Freshman resident students (any student living on campus who has not earned at least 24 credits) are not allowed to purchase a parking decal or bring a car to campus. Freshman resident students who park a car on campus in violation of this policy are subject to ticketing and/or towing of the vehicle.

Resident students who have earned 24 credits or more or have been approved for parking privileges through the Fall 2017 first year student pilot program, are eligible to purchase a parking decal. Resident students are not permitted to have more than one decal at any one time. If you need to switch your decal from one vehicle to another, please turn in your previous decal to the Parking Services and Connect Card Office in order to obtain a replacement decal.

Nonmatriculated students and students participating in special programs and summer session courses are also required to obtain decals. Please contact the Parking Services and Connect Card Office for more information.

Graduate assistants who can show they have an assistantship are eligible to apply for a graduate assistant decal. Decal is renewable each semester in which the person has an assistantship.

Faculty and staff members are required to apply for their parking decal upon obtaining employment and thereafter at two-year intervals. Decals are provided at no charge. There is a limit of one active decal per employee and decals are for the exclusive use of employees only.

Visitors may obtain single-day passes through the Parking Services and Connect Card Office; from parking lot monitors at the Boyden Hall, Harrington Hall, West Campus and Moakley Center lots; and from the BSU police dispatcher. Multiple-day passes are available through the Parking Services and Connect Card Office. A small charge may be required.

Short-Term Parking – No Permit Required
There are 15-30 minute parking spaces available at a variety of locations on campus. Parking at 15-30 minute spaces is strictly enforced.

Restricted or Prohibited Areas
Vehicles parked in the following areas are regularly ticketed and/or towed without prior warning:

- Students parking in faculty/staff lots
- Parking outside of designated lots
- Handicapped parking spaces unless an authorized plate/placard/permit is displayed
- Fire lanes, tow zones or other posted “no parking” areas. This includes obstructing any means of egress from any building, driveway or loading area
- Reserved spaces (all times, year round)
- On the grass or any other unlined area
- Any area that blocks vehicle or pedestrian access
- Roads through and around the campus except where clearly indicated
- Overtime parking at timed spaces
- Incurring five (or more) unpaid parking violations
- Violating snow emergency procedures and/or impeding snow removal
- Any designated construction area
- On sidewalks and walkways

Medical Accommodations
Policy and process to obtain special parking accommodations are online at my.bridgew.edu/departments/pssc.

For the complete traffic and parking rules and regulations of Bridgewater State University, please visit my.bridgew.edu/departments/pssc and click on Traffic Rules and Regulations.

The university may take administrative enforcement action against repeat violators and parking privileges may be suspended or revoked. Unpaid parking violation notices are subject to action by the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

Appeals
Visitor single-day passes may be obtained on-line and preprinted prior to arriving on campus. Please visit our website. If you feel that you were wrongly issued a parking violation notice, you may submit a written appeal along with the original ticket within 21 calendar days from the date of issue to the Parking Services and Connect Card Office. Appeal forms are available at the BSU police station; from parking lot monitors; in the Parking Services and Connect Card Office, Hunt Hall, Room 001; and online. To appeal moving violations, contact BSU Police.

University tickets are green. Town of Bridgewater tickets are orange. Written appeals for town tickets may be submitted with the original ticket to the Bridgewater Town Manager’s Office. For more information, please visit the Town of Bridgewater website: www.bridgewaterma.org/Government/Depts/Parking.

Motorist Assistance and Disabled Motor Vehicles
The BSU Police Department offers simple-to-use Jump & Carry battery packs, which are available at the BSU police station as well as at parking lot monitor booths and can be used to jump-start a dead car battery. Officers are also available to provide transport to area service stations and to assist motorists in contacting tow companies, family members and/or auto clubs.

If your vehicle is disabled please contact the BSU Police Department as soon as possible to prevent ticketing/towing and for information on what to do. Any vehicle found without a valid license plate, registration or insurance or showing signs of non-use will be considered abandoned and subject to removal from university property. All expenses incurred in the removal of an unregistered, uninsured or abandoned vehicle will become the responsibility of its owner. The owner of any vehicle so removed shall also be subject to penalties under the general laws of the commonwealth.
Transportation Services

Transit Services: Bridgewater State University Transit Service operates a free on-campus bus service from 7 AM-2 AM, Monday-Friday and 7 PM-2 AM, Saturday and Sunday. For service information, details on routes and Schedules, or for GPS bus tracking and updates visit the Transit Webpage at www.bsustransit.com or download the BSU Mobile APP.

This service also includes five daily round-trips Monday through Friday into BAT’s main hub, BAT Centre. Departs Art Center 5 times a day MON-FRI: 6:45 AM; 9:00 AM; 12:10 PM; 3:05 PM; 5:35 PM. Express to Bat Centre via Route 28. For more information on connecting bus services, call BAT at 508.580.1000.

Carpooling: To encourage carpooling, the university has made sections of the Moakley and Harrington Lots available where two or more students who commute together can park free of charge. Carpool applications are available in the Parking Services and Connect Card Office. You must follow the rules and regulations outlined on the application to carpool. Carpooling is available Monday-Friday, from 7 AM–5 PM. Resident students and evening students are not eligible for carpool permits. Carpooling is not available during the summer.

NuRide: Bridgewater State University offers NuRide to assist commuters in finding carpool partners and track greener trips. Please visit www.nuride.com/bridgewater for more information.

MBTA: Access to the Old Colony Commuter Rail is available at Bridgewater State University. Discounted MBTA semester passes are available for purchase. Please refer to the Parking Services and Connect Card Office website for more information. The commuter rail provides service between Middleboro and South Station with stops in Brockton, Randolph, Braintree, Quincy Center and at JFK/UMASS. The commuting time between Bridgewater and Boston is approximately 50 minutes. For more information, call the MBTA customer service line at 800.392.6100.

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Parking FAQ’s

Q: I am a night student and on campus only after 4 pm. Do I need a decal?
A: Yes. All vehicles on campus must display a valid parking decal or pass while parked on campus. The only time decals are not required is on weekends from 4 PM Friday–6 PM Sunday.

Q: What should I do if my original decal is on a car I sold, or that vehicle is no longer on the road?
A: If possible, scrape the old decal off your vehicle and bring it to the Parking Services and Connect Card Office where you will complete a form to obtain a new decal. You will be issued a replacement decal at no charge for your next vehicle. Your old decal will be voided in the university’s computer system.

Q: My car has a decal, but it’s being repaired. Can I borrow someone else’s car for a few days and keep that one on campus?
A: Yes, you can keep a borrowed car on campus, however, you need to come visit the Parking Services and Connect Card Office M-F between 8 am and 5 pm or after business hours go to the BSU Police Department to obtain a temporary parking pass at no charge.

Q: I do not normally have a car on campus, but I just need to bring one for the week. Can I get a temporary pass?
A: Yes. Upperclass or commuter students who do not have a vehicle with a decal, can purchase temporary parking passes from the Parking Services and Connect Card Office for $10 per week.

Q: My doctor says I cannot walk long distances; can I park in handicapped parking?
A: No. Drivers are only allowed to park in handicapped parking if they have handicapped plates or an appropriate handicap permit. If you have a health concern that limits your ability to walk to and from campus buildings, bring documentation from your health care provider to the Wellness Center in Weygand Hall. If the Wellness Center approves your request, the Parking Services and Connect Card Office will issue you a pass to park in specifically defined areas.

Q: A friend is visiting my residence hall. Can he/she park his/her car on campus?
A: Yes. Visitors are welcome on campus. They must get a day pass at the Parking Services and Connect Card Office. Overnight guests must park in the Swenson Field lot. No overnight pass is required. Please refer to the Visitor Parking section of the Parking Guide for more details.

Q: I cannot get to the Parking Services and Connect Card Office during business hours for a temporary pass. What should I do?
A: In most cases, the BSU police dispatcher can issue you a temporary pass. For decals and multiple day passes, please call the Parking Services and Connect Card Office to discuss alternative ways to obtain your decal/pass.

Snow Emergency Guidelines

Resident and Commuter Students
- When there is an actual or anticipated snowstorm, rotating yellow snow alert beacons will be activated in campus parking lots and signs will be displayed in campus residence hall lobbies. These beacons and signs are your signal that you should park ONLY in your designated lot, and that you should expect further snow parking information to become available during the alert. Designated sections of certain resident lots (Shea/Durgin Lot, Great Hill Drive Lot, Woodward Hall Lot and Student Apartments Lot) have signage indicating that in the event of a snow alert the spaces must be vacated by the end of the day (11:59 pm) that the snow alert is put into effect to allow sufficient space for initial snow removal or vehicles will be ticketed and towed. Cars should be moved to unrestricted spaces in any authorized lot.

- During a snow alert, in addition to the designated sections of resident lots mentioned above, any vehicle parked in violation of snow alert instructions will be ticketed and may be towed without warning if BSU Police believe the vehicle’s location poses a hazard to snow removal efforts. The current fine for impeding snow removal is $60. If vehicle must be towed, it is done at the owner’s expense at a cost of $125 plus $20 per day storage and $60 fine (fees subject to change).

- Priority for snow clearing in parking lots will be commuter and faculty/staff lots in order to ensure that these lots are ready once the university reopens. Resident lots will then be cleared.

Resident Students
- Notification will typically be made through prerecorded snow parking messages at 508.531.7765 (RSNL) and channel 71 of the ResNet cable system.
- Resident students may be asked to move their cars temporarily while the resident lots are cleared. Instructions and timelines will be provided via the methods outlined above. During the winter season it is advisable for all permit holders to maintain scrapers and shovels in their vehicles to assist in moving from one lot to another and back again when the lot is cleared.

Commuter Students
- Commuter students may call the Inclement Weather Line at 508.531.1777 (or listen to the radio and television stations identified in the Inclement Weather Policy) to learn if the university will be closed.
- When the university is closed, commuter students are asked NOT to come on campus. If work or other commitment requires you to do so, you must contact the Bridgewater State University Police Department for parking instructions. Failure to do so may result in a ticket for impeding snow removal or towing.

For more information, please refer to the Inclement Weather Policy on the university webpage:
my.bridgew.edu/departments/adminfin and click on inclement weather policy