

Town of Ingersoll

Ten Helpful Tips to Avoid Getting a Parking Ticket

1. Watch for Signs

- There are a variety of signs posted in the downtown core, which help to regulate the flow of traffic and ensure equal opportunity parking for users. Typical signs in this area include:
 - **30 Minute Parking Signage** – Vehicles may park for a daily maximum of (30) minutes in these parking zones.
 - **3-Hour Parking Signage** – Vehicles may park for a daily maximum of (3) hours in these parking zones, which may include parking lots and on-street parking.
 - **Handicapped Parking Signage** – A valid Handicapped Parking Permit is required for vehicles that park in a designated handicapped parking space and the expiry date must be visible.
 - **Loading Zone Signage** – An area dedicated for delivery vehicles for loading or unloading merchandise or passengers. Loading zones are to remain unobstructed (24) hours a day.
 - **No-Parking Zone Signage** - A vehicle may stop temporarily in this type of zone to allow for the loading or unloading of passengers or goods. The maximum time period for temporary parking in this type of zone is (15) minutes. Vehicles that are left un-attended or remained parked in the No-Parking Zone beyond the permitted time limit, will be subject to a fine.
 - **No-Stopping Zone Signage** – A person shall not stop or cease the movement of a vehicle at any time on a street, part of street or side of street in a No-Stopping zone.
 - **Permit Parking Signage** – A valid parking permit is required for vehicles who park in a designated permit parking area/lot.

- **Restricted Parking** – This may include an area that allows for 15 minute parking; permits parking on Sundays between 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; prohibits parking between the hours of 3 a.m. to 6 a.m.; or prohibits vehicle parking on any town street between the hours of 3 a.m. to 6 a.m. from December 1 to March 31 to allow for winter snow removal.

2. No Re-Parking

In areas regulated by signage, vehicles may not move spaces to avoid the daily maximum time limit as posted on the signage, but are required to move to another parking lot or zone. Vehicles that have parked beyond the maximum daily limit are subject to a fine.

3. Designated Handicapped Parking Spaces

- Show consideration for the parking spaces reserved exclusively for vehicles displaying a valid Disabled Person Parking permit both on the street and in municipal lots. Many people rely on these designated parking spaces to conduct their daily activities and may be left with no other parking alternative if these spaces are being used by non-permit holders
- A \$300.00 fine will be issued to vehicles parked in a designated handicapped parking space without a valid Disabled Person Parking permit
- A Disabled Person Parking permit cannot be used by anyone other than the person it is issued to. The offender may receive a fine of up to \$300.00 for misuse and the permit holder may face possible cancellation of the permit
- Make sure to display your valid Disabled Person Parking permit with the expiry date visible
- Applications for Disabled Person Parking permits are available from the Ministry of Transportation at:
 - Service Ontario
37 King Street, West
Ingersoll, ON
(519) 485-3210

4. Be Safety Conscious

- Do not park in Emergency Fire Lanes, as they are to be kept free and clear for emergency vehicles
- Show consideration for emergency service vehicles and operators
- Vehicles parked in these zones may hinder vital life safety measures
- Park a minimum of (3) meters from fire hydrants, as access to them may be required at any time
- Do not park in front of the main entrance to or any emergency exit from a theatre, arena, recreation centre, school, hotel or other building where large assemblages are to be held
- Park a minimum of (15) meters from of any railway track which crosses the roadway or is adjacent to a roadway
- Parking in front of the entrance to a hospital or Fire Hall doors is prohibited

5. Parking Within the Lines

- Be conscious of where the lines of a parking space are located and be sure to avoid parking on or over the lines, which will interfere with the parking of vehicles in adjacent parking spaces
- Avoid parking at an angle to avoid dings or dents to doors and bumpers and choose a less busy parking area
- Do not park in areas with hatched markings as these indicate **No Parking Zones**
- Vehicles parked outside of a designated parking space are subject to a fine

6. School Zones

- Schools within the Town often have areas designated to accommodate for bus loading and unloading
- Drivers should not park in “No Stopping” zones to drop off or pick up children
- These areas must be kept clear to provide clear visibility for motorists and students
- Drivers should never double park to load or discharge children from their vehicle, as this poses a danger to children crossing the road without seeing or being seen by oncoming motorists
- Motorists are directed to side streets or designated parking lots to load and discharge children from their vehicle

7. Free Parking Areas

The town boasts (3) Free All-Day parking lots in the downtown core. Free parking is conveniently located at the Water Street Lot (East & West); Charles Street East Lot; and the Post Office Lot. Parking is permitted in these lots between the hours of 6 a.m. to 3 a.m. Please follow directional signage to these lots.

8. Permit Parking

Vehicles that park in designated permit parking lots are required to obtain a monthly day or overnight parking pass from the Town. The cost is \$30.00/month. Vehicles with a valid parking permit may park in the south row of the Oxford Street South lot or in the north row of the Water Street lot.

A Day parking permit is valid between the hours of 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and an Overnight parking permit is valid between the hours of 6 p.m. to 8 a.m.

9. Winter Parking Ban

Vehicles are prohibited from parking on any town street or in a municipal parking lot between the hours of 3 a.m. to 6 a.m. from December 1 to March 31 to allow for winter snow removal. Residents may purchase a monthly overnight parking permit to allow for their vehicle to be parked in a designated municipal lot during the winter parking ban. The cost for an over-night parking permit is \$30.00/month.

It is especially important during the Winter Parking Ban, to make sure that vehicles are not parked across, overhanging or obstructing a sidewalk or boulevard as this will impede safe pedestrian travel and may interfere with sight lines. Ensure that you have adequate parking space for your vehicle(s) and make any necessary arrangements for alternative storage or parking.

10. Parking of Over-sized Vehicles

For individuals that have an oversized vehicle, please be considerate of other vehicles around you. Select on-street parking or angle parking as an option in the downtown core, which may allow for additional room for the loading and unloading of your vehicle. Ensure that your vehicle is not parked over or on top of the designated lines of a parking space, as your vehicle may interfere with other parking spaces.

Oversized vehicles are prohibited from parking in a manner that blocks and/or interferes with parking lot or private property access or adjacent parking spaces and shall be subject to a fine.

Large vehicles that weigh in excess of 3,000 kg are not permitted to park within residential areas in order to preserve internal roadways and minimize noise pollution.