

The Residential Permit Parking Program

The voluntary Residential Permit Parking Program (RPPP) helps to provide close and convenient street parking for residents by reducing the volume and impact of non-residential and non-visitor vehicles in neighborhoods. The program protects residential streets using a system that limits parking on a block to only those residents and their guests displaying County-issued permits or passes during the posted restricted time limits.

Residents who live in the designated permit areas (zones) may obtain one free FlexPass for one vehicle (resident or visitor) and may purchase additional vehicle-specific permits. Each household is limited to a maximum of three vehicle-specific permits in addition to the FlexPass (zone residents may petition to change that limit). Residents in a permit parking zone may also obtain short-term visitor passes for guests. Residents who do not need on-street parking for themselves or guests do not need to obtain permits or passes.



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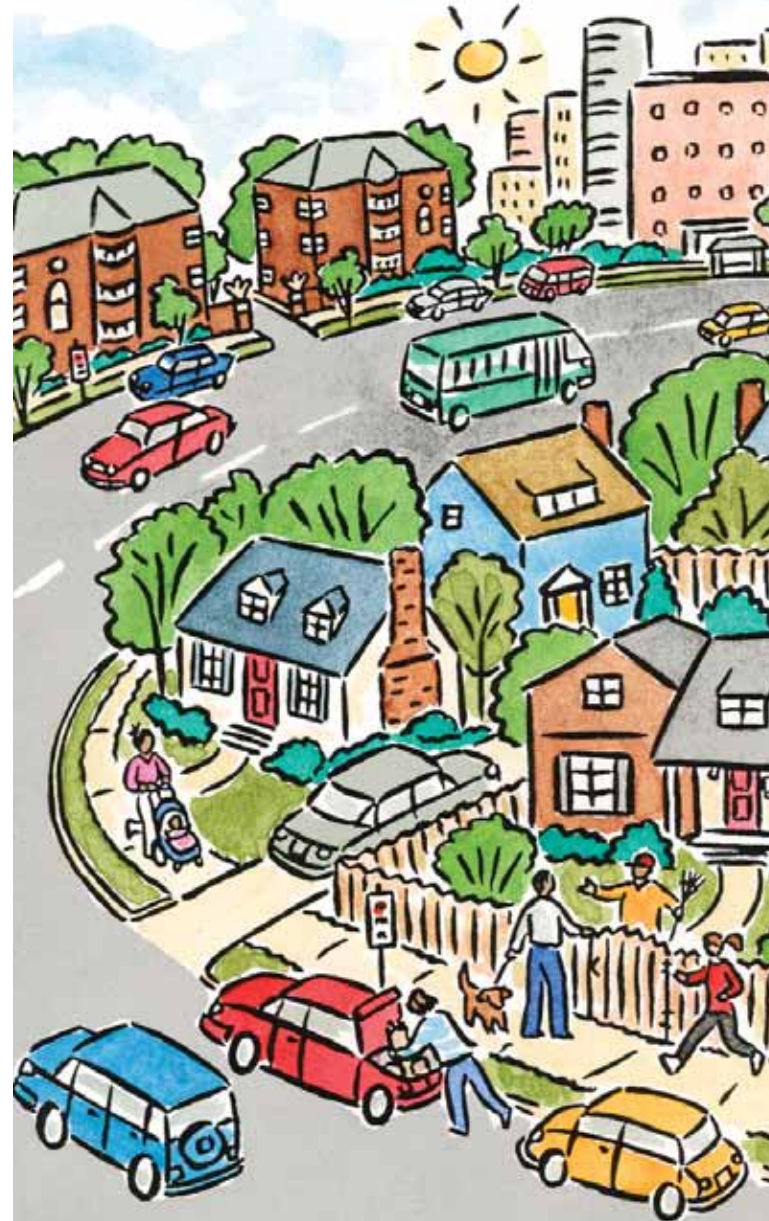


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Parking in Arlington

Much of Arlington originally developed as a community of single-family houses which depended

on ample on-street parking. As Arlington grew, many neighborhoods experienced an increase in parked cars resulting from a spillover of non-residents working and visiting in nearby higher-density areas. In order to control commuter parking in South Arlington's Aurora Highlands neighborhood, the Residential Permit Parking Program (RPPP) was created in 1973. Since that time, many neighborhoods have experienced a similar influx of parking from not only commuters, but also shoppers, students and others. This increase in parking on neighborhood streets increased the demand for the RPPP, expanding it over time to almost 9,400 households in 22 zones. In 2005, Arlington County announced a number of revisions and improvements to continue the success of the program.

Setting up Permit Parking on Your Block

PERMIT PARKING IS ONLY ESTABLISHED ON streets where 60 percent of the residents request the program and there is a measurable indication of overspill from outside the zone. The County's decision about whether to grant residents' request for zoned parking is made on a block-by-block basis after an evaluation.

Block residents must request permit parking through a petition that includes signatures from at least 60 percent of the affected addresses (one signature per address). Petitions are available at www.parkarlington.com or by calling 703-228-3344.

Townhouse, duplex and multi-family residents should review the County's policies on the Web site

or contact the County Parking Section at 703-228-3344 regarding the criteria that must be met for blocks to qualify for a request.

Upon receiving the petition, the County Parking Section will perform a survey to determine that 75 percent of the available spaces are filled with vehicles and that 25 percent of the vehicles are from outside the proposed zone. If these standards are met, the County will contact the block

residents and install signs specifying the new restrictions.

Permit Parking Times

Parking restriction hours are established on a block-by-block basis. Residents of blocks new to the RPPP choose one or more of the following time periods: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, 5:00 pm – 12:00 am, 12:00 am – 8:00 am, or a combination of the three times.

Residents of each block choose the days for which the restricted hours are effective: every day, Monday– Friday only, or Saturdays/Sundays/Holidays. It is also possible to allow two-hour parking during a restricted period without a permit or visitor pass.

Some blocks have existing restricted times different from those listed above. They can be retained if residents don't want them changed.

Changing your Permitted Block or Zone

If you are currently in a permit parking area and wish to change the restricted hours of your block, this may be done by petitioning the County and having a survey performed to see if additional restricted times are warranted by the 75/25 percent test (see "Permit Parking"). Through the petition process residents of an existing zone may also ask to change the zone boundaries or increase/decrease the standard number of vehicle-specific permits allowed per household. Also any block may leave the program through a petition process (60 percent support required).

Obtaining Your Permit and Passes

EACH HOUSEHOLD WITHIN THE RPPP IS eligible for one free FlexPass, 100 short-term visitor passes (20 for free) per year and up to three vehicle-specific permits (see "Changing your Permitted Block or Zone" if a zone want to change your standard). The permit decals display the zone number in which the vehicle may park legally. A permit must be placed on the left rear bumper of the vehicle to which it is assigned and is non-transferable.

An application must be completed to receive a FlexPass, short-term visitor passes and permits. Application processing may take up to two weeks, and temporary passes may be issued as permits and passes are being processed. Households currently in the RPPP may be exempt from completing an application if they only wish to receive a FlexPass and the 20 free short-term visitor passes.

The Free FlexPass

The free FlexPass is a dashboard placard which can be used either for a household's own vehicle or for a guest's vehicle. The FlexPass is specific to the household and displays the zone number and household address. FlexPasses are non-replaceable.

Visitors

Residents may give a FlexPass or short-term visitor pass to their guests allowing them to park on the street in the zone. Short-term visitor passes are tags hung from the rear-view mirror that have punch out circles representing the 12 months and the possible 31 days within a month. Each one is valid for up to

three consecutive days. Users must punch out the month and the one, two or three dates they wish to park. Permitted households may purchase up to 4 books of 20 passes at \$5.00 per book in addition to the first book of 20 that is free. Short-term visitor passes may be ordered in person at 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 213, or by mailing an application and fee to P.O. Box 1754, Merrifield, VA 22116.

Application Options for Those New to RPPP

You may obtain an application:

- In person at 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 213
- Call 703-228-3344
- E-mail the County at park@arlingtonva.us to have one mailed or e-mailed to you.

You may complete the application and:

- Mail with payment (check, money order or credit card) to P.O. Box 1754, Merrifield, VA 22116,
- Bring it in and pay by check, money order or credit card at 2100 Clarendon Blvd, Suite 213.



Contact information by mail, e-mail or phone:

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Walk-in service to drop off applications, pay fees or receive short-term visitor passes:

Treasurer's Office
2100 Clarendon Blvd, Suite 213

FEES (effective July 1, 2006)

FLEXPASS: Free of charge, one per household

SHORT-TERM VISITOR PASSES: The first 20 are free. Up to 80 additional passes per household are available and sold in packs of 20 for \$5.00 each.

VEHICLE-SPECIFIC PERMITS: Check annual fee schedule at www.parkarlington.com