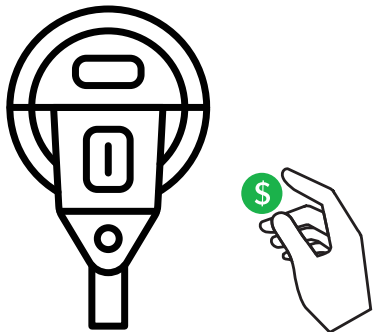# Parking Management Tools

1 PARKING METERS

Creating availability in dense neighborhoods

Neighborhoods with high parking demand require high turnover to ensure there is always a space available. This improves access, promotes commercial activity, discourages long-term parking, and reduces unnecessary congestion in the busiest parts of the city.

Metering works best for:

- Commercial and mixed-use areas with significant activity
- Areas near public institutions, parks, recreational areas, and open space
- Major transportation corridors
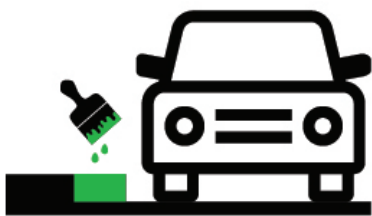- High-density residential buildings

2 TIME LIMITS

Limiting length of stay for all drivers

Posted time limits help move cars around and discourage drivers from parking longer than necessary. The City uses different time limits depending on the parking demand of the neighborhood, including one-, two-, and four-hour limits.

Time limits work best for:

- Areas with medium parking demand

3 CURB COLOR

Context-sensitive curb restrictions

Colored curb zones are painted to indicate parking prohibitions or restrictions. The use of certain colors often depends on the characteristics of adjacent land uses. For instance, curb colors that indicate loading-only, such as yellow, white, and green curbs, are subject to a certain time limit.

Color curb works best for:

- Red—no parking allowed: Intersection corners, bus stops, fire hydrants, curb ramps, and at the edge of driveways
- Yellow, White, and Green—loading zones: Establishments where loading and unloading occurs often or where relatively short transactions are made
- Blue—disabled placard parking only: Areas with high public use where persons with disabilities may need close access, such as dense commercial areas and public parks

4 PERMIT PARKING

Prioritizing residential and business parking

Parking permits allow residents or business owners to park all day in a time limited parking zone. This discourages commuters and visitors from parking in protected neighborhoods during the workday.

Permit parking works best for:

- Low- to mid-density residential blocks with many commuter or non-resident visitors

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