



Flex parking payment examples

How Flex parking rate schedules work

Most UW campus lots and garages have three rate schedules: “daytime,” “evening,” and “no charge.” As of September 1, 2022, Flex parking rates are tied to visitor rate schedules, but users receive a 20% discount on visitor rates. Due to the different rate schedules, Flex permit holders may encounter special scenarios affecting what they pay for parking. Here are some rules of thumb:

- You pay the rate in effect at the time you arrive at your lot or garage. If your parking session bridges two rate periods, you will pay the rate in effect when you arrived until that rate period ends, plus the rate in effect when the new rate period starts.
- The number of hours you park are counted from the minute that you arrive: i.e., a parking session can start at 9:12 am.
- Parking is charged in half-hour increments for the first 3 hours, and in hourly increments thereafter. You must pay for a full half-hour or hour even if you park for only part of that half-hour or hour.
- If your parking session starts at 4:30 pm or after Monday through Friday, or any time Saturday or Sunday, and you do not exit/re-enter the lot, you will pay no more than the evening/weekend session maximum rate.
- If your parking session starts between 7 am - 4:29 pm Monday through Friday, and you do not exit/re-enter the lot, you will pay no more than the daily standard session maximum rate.
- If you leave and return to a gated lot - or move from a gated lot to a surface lot - your session maximum will reset.

Examples of special parking scenarios

The scenarios below apply to lots where the evening rate period is between 4:30 pm - 11:59 pm. Rate schedules may vary by lot. For a current rate schedule for specific lots, visit transportation.wisc.edu/rates-and-policies/.

1: Your parking session starts at 4:29 pm and ends at (or after) midnight

| Time | Parking session length + (rate period) | Visitor parking gated lot value + (Flex customer cost) | ParkMobile surface lot cost |
|---------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|
| 4:29 pm - 4:59 pm | 30 minutes (daytime) | \$1 (you pay \$0.80) | \$0.80 |
| 4:59 pm - 11:59 pm | 7 hours (evening) | \$5 (you pay \$4) Evening max rate hit | \$4 |
| 11:59 pm - midnight | 1 minute (no charge) | \$0 | \$0 |
| Totals | 7 hours, 31 minutes | \$6 (you pay \$4.80) | \$4.80 |

2. Your parking session starts at 4:30 pm and ends at (or after) midnight

| Time | Parking session length + (rate period) | Visitor parking gated lot value (Flex Gated cost) | Flex Surface ParkMobile charge |
|---------------------|--|---|--------------------------------|
| 4:30 pm - 11:59 pm | 7.5 hours (evening) | \$5 (you pay \$4) Evening max rate hit | \$4 |
| 11:59 pm - midnight | 1 minute (evening) | \$0 Evening rate max hit | \$0 |
| Totals | 7 hours 30 minutes | \$5 (you pay \$4) | \$4 |

3. Your parking session starts at noon and ends at (or after) midnight

| Time | Parking session length + (rate period) | Visitor parking gated lot value (Flex Gated cost) | Flex Surface ParkMobile charge |
|--------------------|--|---|--------------------------------|
| Noon - 2:59 pm | 3 hours (daytime) | \$6 (you pay \$4.80) | \$4.80 |
| 3:00 pm - 4:59 pm | 2 hours (daytime) | \$2 (you pay \$1.60) | \$1.60 |
| 5:00 pm - midnight | 7 hours (evening) | \$5 (you pay \$4) Evening max rate hit | \$4 |
| Totals | 12 hours | \$13 (you pay \$10.40) | \$10.40 |

4. Your parking session starts at 10 am and ends at (or after) midnight

| Time | Parking session length + (rate period) | Visitor parking gated lot value (Flex Gated cost) | Flex Surface ParkMobile charge |
|--------------------|--|---|--------------------------------|
| 10 am - 12:59 pm | 3 hours (daytime) | \$6 (you pay \$4.80) | \$4.80 |
| 1:00 pm - 4:59 pm | 4 hours (daytime) | \$4 (you pay \$3.20) | \$3.20 |
| 5:00 pm - midnight | 7 hours (evening) | \$5 (you pay \$4) Evening max rate hit | \$4 |
| Totals | 14 hours | \$15 (you pay \$12) | \$12 |

5. Your parking session starts at 7 am and ends at (or after) midnight

| Time | Parking session length + (rate period) | Visitor parking gated lot value (Flex Gated cost) | Flex Surface ParkMobile charge |
|--------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| 7 am - 9:59 am | 3 hours (daytime) | \$6 (you pay \$4.80) | \$4.80 |
| 10:00 am - 4:59 pm | 7 hours (daytime) | \$7 (you pay \$5.60) | \$5.60 |
| 5:00 pm - midnight | 7 hours (evening) | \$2 (you pay \$1.60) | \$1.60 |
| Totals | 17 hours | \$15 (you pay \$12) | \$12 |

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