CURB PARKING USES

The City of Temecula Municipal Code and the California Vehicle Code govern parking on all public streets and alleys. Under existing law, no vehicle may be parked on any street or alley for more than a consecutive period of seventy-two hours and no commercial vehicles may be parked on any public street or alley except for the purposes of loading and unloading of passengers or goods or by permit.

Painted curb marking and/or signs indicating special curb uses require approval and installation by the City of Temecula. All curb markings and signs must conform to State and Federal guidelines to assure uniformity between different cities and counties.

What does a “red” curb marking mean?

Red curb means no stopping or parking at any time, except when used as a bus-loading zone. Red curbs are often used when on-street parking is restricted to allow for additional travel lanes. It is also used when parked vehicles create safety problems by obstructing visibility. Red curb markings are in effect 24 hours a day.

What does a “white” curb marking mean?

White curb means no stopping, standing or parking for any purpose other than the loading or unloading of passengers, or for the purpose of depositing mail in an adjacent mailbox, which does not exceed 3 minutes.

These restrictions are in effect between 7 AM and 6 PM of any day unless otherwise indicated.

Passenger loading zones may be installed in front of schools, churches, hotels or other places where there is a high frequency of passenger loading and unloading. Passenger loading zones are usually identified by black letters stenciled on top of the curb indicating “Passenger Loading Only”.

What does a “yellow” curb marking mean?

Yellow curb means no stopping, standing or parking any time between 7AM and 6 PM of any day for any purpose other than loading or unloading of passengers which does not exceed 3 minutes, or the loading and unloading of freight or goods which does not exceed 20 minutes.

Commercial loading zones are installed adjacent to businesses in commercial areas. Commercial vehicles using these zones for the purpose of loading or unloading freight or goods must display commercial license plates. Loading zones are usually identified by black letters stenciled on top of the curb indicating “Loading Only”.

What does a “blue” curb marking mean?

Blue curb means parking is limited exclusively to vehicles transporting the physically handicapped. All vehicles parked in a “disabled parking zone” must display a valid disabled person’s license plate or placard obtained from the Department of Motor Vehicles.

What does a “green” curb marking mean?

Green curb means no stopping, standing or parking for longer than 20 minutes at any time between 9 AM and 6 PM of any day. The specific time and limit is normally stenciled on the curb and/or posted on an accompanying sign.

SIGNS

No Parking/No Stopping signs stating “any time” or specific times or restrictions (school days, bus zones, etc…) have a red lettering and may be used instead of red curb markings.

Time Limited Parking signs have green lettering and may be used in place of green curb markings. The time limit of the parking zone is specified on the sign (1 hour, 2 hours, etc…).

Disabled Parking signs are blue in color and are always used in conjunction with blue curb markings to designate a disabled parking zone.

ON-STREET PARKING

Parallel parking is regulated by the California Vehicle Code. All on-street parking (marked or unmarked) on public streets are considered parallel parking unless otherwise designated.

Cul-de-Sacs are intended for use as a turnaround for vehicles. Diagonal parking is not allowed in cul-de-sacs.
Other Traffic Information brochures available:

- Pedestrian Signals
- Stop Signs and Traffic Signals
- Traffic Signal Systems
- Marked Crosswalks
- Speed Zones
- Traffic Safety Tips
- What You Need To Know About Children At Play Signs
- Traffic Safety In Your Neighborhood

If you have any questions, requests or suggestions concerning traffic in the City of Temecula please contact the Department of Public Works at (951) 694-6411.