

WINTHROP HOUSING AUTHORITY PARKING POLICY

VEHICLES IN VIOLATION OF THIS POLICY ARE AT RISK OF BEING TOWED AT THE OWNER'S EXPENSE

Pursuant to MGL 121B Section 32A. A housing authority may make reasonable rules and regulations for the use of parking areas under its control and may make reasonable charges for the use of such areas; provided, however, no housing authority shall charge its tenants for the use of any parking space within an area under its control. Any such authority shall have the power to tow any abandoned or unregistered vehicle which is parked in any area under their control. ...

It is the policy of the Winthrop Housing Authority (WHA) to allow residents to keep one vehicle on WHA owned property, including parking lot and areas subject to following conditions.

Resident parking decals will be issued and verified by WHA annually during rent recertification. WHA residents that wish to park their vehicles on WHA properties must provide required documents to obtain and retain a parking decal affixed as described below. Any vehicle on WHA property without the required parking decal may be ticketed and/or towed at the owner's expense.

All WHA resident's that have a vehicle parked on WHA property must report to the Main office to obtain a WHA Resident Parking decal. Issued to residents only, you must submit valid driver's license, valid registration and insurance with the WHA address on all documentation.

1. All vehicles parked in resident parking designated areas must have a valid WHA resident parking decal clearly affixed to the driver's side rear window of automobile.
2. Resident parking decals are limited to one per household. The car must be registered to a household member in good standing on the current lease.
3. At all times, vehicles must be registered and insured in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, and have a valid inspection sticker. Vehicles which do not display a valid and current registration, or are unregistered and/or uninsured for any period of time, may be ticketed and towed at the automobile owner's expense.
4. If your vehicle is leaking vehicle fluids, we will request that you move it and have it repaired. Vehicle fluids deteriorate asphalt. Oil changes and/or other vehicle repairs will not be allowed in our lots at any time. No car parts, broken or disabled vehicles will be allowed to be stored anywhere on the property.
5. Automobiles with flat tires, resting on jacks/repair blocks, with a general appearance of abandonment, or which is a safety hazard to the public, or an attractive nuisance to children may be towed at the automobile owner's expense.
6. WHA must be informed immediately if the automobile assigned to a WHA resident parking decal has been sold, or is no longer in active use. The WHA resident parking decal must be removed and returned to the Authority.
7. Re-issuance of a decal will only be allowed when Resident provides proof of newly- purchased automobile AND returns old WHA parking decal

8. Do not swap or exchange WHA resident parking decals. Any automobile that has a permit on it that was not assigned by the Authority will be towed at the owner's expense.
9. Advise your family, guests, and visitors of the Authority's parking and towing procedures. Do not allow family, guests or, home health aides, etc. to use resident parking spaces or park any other automobile in restricted areas.
10. During inclement weather (snow, hail, sleet, and rain) "Space Savers" are prohibited on *ALL WHA properties*. WHA shall remove and discard any "Space Savers".
11. All ticketing, towing and storage charges are at the expense of the automobile owner.
12. If you are driving a loaner or rental car, you must come in to the Authority during regular business hours and get a temporary parking permit. Further information will be given to you at that time.
13. Motor homes, motorcycles, campers, trailers, boats, etc. are not allowed in WHA parking. Written requests for an exemption may be considered, but will be at the sole discretion of the Executive Director. It is not the intent of WHA to provide tenant vehicle storage. Unauthorized vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.
14. Non-operable vehicles are not allowed to be kept in the WHA parking lots. WHA policy requires that vehicles must be currently licensed, insured and operable with valid inspection sticker. You will have 7 days to move your vehicle or repair it. Exceptions may be made if the tenant provides the office with a repair schedule. Non-operable vehicles will be towed at the tenant's expense.
15. Residents may not park in the "Employee Parking" or "Office Parking" or assigned "Handicap Parking" spaces.
16. If a tenant is found, by the Department of Transportation, to be incapable of driving, the vehicle must be removed from the property within 15 days.
17. During the winter months it is the tenant's responsibility to remove snow and ice from their vehicles. Residents will be required to move their cars after significant snow to permit maintenance staff to plow between cars to reduce fall risk.
18. In the event that your automobile is towed, you should contact the Towing Contractor directly. All towing, storage and administrative fees shall be the car owner's responsibility and will be paid directly to the Towing Contractor.
19. Vehicles with Commercial plates do not qualify for resident parking stickers.
20. Tenants acknowledge that WHA's ability to police, monitor, or enforce the parking policy is dependent in significant part on voluntary compliance by all Tenants and their household members and guests.