



Red Top Meters – Frequently Asked Questions

What are Red Top Meters?

Red Top Meters are parking meters, with a distinctive red top, that are reserved and accessible for the exclusive use of persons with disabilities.

The Red Top Meter program does the following:

1. Provides reserved and accessible on-street metered parking spaces for persons with disabilities who have qualified placards or license plates.
2. Allows additional time to park
3. Requires payment from everyone parking at these meters.

Where are Red Top Meters located?

Red Top Meters are located in the Central Business District (CBD) only. The CBD includes areas south of Massachusetts Avenue, east of 23rd Street NW, west of 2nd Street NE and north of D Street SW.

When will the Red Top Meter Program be implemented?

Approximately 350 red top meters have been installed in the CBD. Payment and time restrictions will be enforced beginning May 8, 2017.

What are the rules for placard and plate holders who park at a non-Red Top meter within the CBD?

Placard and plate holders parking at regular (not Red Top) meters within the CBD must pay the meter fee and park for the time limit posted on the meter or sign.

What are the parking rules outside of the CBD?

Parking rules outside of the CBD remain unchanged. Placard and plate holders can park for free at any parking meter outside of the CBD for up to double the posted time limit on the meter (up to 4 hours).

How do you pay for parking at Red Top Meters?

As with all other meters, payment at Red Top Meters can be made either by coin or credit card at the meter, or use Parkmobile, the District's pay-by-phone service, to pay for parking. Parkmobile service charges are waived for Red Top Meters only.

Does the Red Top Meter program affect off-street parking such as parking garages and private lots?

The Red Top Meter program will not affect off-street parking options such as private garages and lots.

Why was the Red Top Meter program created?

The Red Top Meter program was created to help increase the availability and accessibility of parking in the District for persons with disabilities. The Red Top Meter program is designed to:

1. Provide persons with disabilities greater access to curbside parking in high demand, congested areas downtown by setting aside reserved, accessible parking meters within the CBD.
2. Enable the District Department of Transportation and the Department of Public Works to manage the limited available curbside space in high demand parking areas by encouraging parking turnover at metered spaces.

RED TOP METERS

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What was the District's policy for vehicles parking at meters with a placard or license plate?

Prior to the Red Top Meter program there was no policy in the District for vehicles parking at meters with a placard or license plate. Any driver with a placard or license plate could park for free anywhere, on any street in the District, for twice the time (up to 4 hours) allotted at any parking meter. Starting May 8, 2017, vehicles with placards or plates parking at meters in the CBD must pay the meter fee and park for the time posted on the meter or sign. Placard and plate holders may park at any Red Top Meter and pay the meter fee and receive additional time.

Where can I find information about obtaining placard or license plate?

Parking permits, placards and vehicle tags are offered by the DC Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

https://ddot.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/ddot/publication/attachments/disability_parking_application.pdf

Will the Red Top Meter program be expanding into other areas of the city?

Yes, the program will be expanding into other areas of the District in the future. Please continue to visit parkdc.com and ddot.dc.gov for updates.