

# Parking Guide

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Parking Services and  
Connect Card Office  
Hunt Hall, Room 001

**508.531.2897**

[parking@bridgew.edu](mailto:parking@bridgew.edu)

[my.bridgew.edu/departments/pscc/](http://my.bridgew.edu/departments/pscc/)

BSU Police Department  
200 Great Hill Drive  
Nonemergency calls

**508.531.1212**

Emergency

**911**

[bsupolice@bridgew.edu](mailto:bsupolice@bridgew.edu)  
[my.bridgew.edu/departments/police](http://my.bridgew.edu/departments/police)



# PARKING REGULATIONS

## Welcome to Bridgewater State University

Please observe the parking regulations that are outlined in this guide. They are in effect at all times, year-round, and are strictly enforced. Although the university tries not to implement changes in the middle of the academic year, sometimes it is unavoidable. Please refer to our website through the year for updated information.

### Parking Permits

All vehicles that are parked on campus must display a parking pass or decal, **except** during weekends and short-term parking. Campus community members receive parking decals; short-term visitors receive temporary passes.

Parking decals must be permanently affixed to the inside driver's side bottom corner of the front windshield. Decals do not guarantee a parking space. Decals are not transferable. Replacement decals can be obtained through the Parking Services and Connect Card Office.

**Students** are charged a yearly parking fee, which is added to the university bill when the students apply for their decal. The cost for commuter students is \$225 (\$195 if purchased 8/1-8/15) and for resident students is \$245 (\$215 if purchased 8/1-8/15). The BSU refund policy is followed when requesting a refund. Please check with the Parking Services and Connect Card Office for more information.

**Freshman resident students** (any student living on campus who has not earned at least 24 credits) are not allowed to purchase a parking decal or bring a car to campus. Freshman resident students who park a car on campus in violation of this policy are subject to ticketing and/or towing of the vehicle.

**Resident students** who have earned 24 credits or more or have been approved for parking privileges through the Fall 2017 first year student pilot program, are eligible to purchase a parking decal. Resident students are not permitted to have more than one decal at any one time. If you need to switch your decal from one vehicle to another, please turn in your previous decal to the Parking Services and Connect Card Office in order to obtain a replacement decal.

**Nonmatriculated students and students participating in special programs and summer session courses** are also required to obtain decals. Please contact the Parking Services and Connect Card Office for more information.

**Graduate assistants** who can show they have an assistantship are eligible to apply for a graduate assistant decal. Decal is renewable each semester in which the person has an assistantship.

**Faculty and staff members** are required to apply for their parking decal upon obtaining employment and thereafter at two-year intervals. Decals are provided at no charge. There is a limit of one active decal per employee and decals are for the exclusive use of employees only.

**Visitors** may obtain single-day passes from the Parking Services and Connect Card Office; from parking lot monitors at the Boyden Hall, Harrington Hall, West Campus and Moakley Center lots; and from the BSU police dispatcher.

Multiple-day passes are available through the Parking Services and Connect Card Office. A small charge may be required.

### Short-Term Parking – No Permit Required

There are 15-30 minute parking spaces available at a variety of locations on campus. Parking at 15-30 minute spaces is strictly enforced.

### Restricted or Prohibited Areas

Vehicles parked in the following areas are regularly ticketed and/or towed without prior warning:

- **Students parking in faculty/staff lots**
- Parking outside of designated lots
- Handicapped parking spaces unless an authorized plate/placard/permit is displayed
- Fire lanes, tow zones or other posted "no parking" areas. This includes obstructing any means of egress from any building, driveway or loading area
- Reserved spaces (all times, year round)
- On the grass or any other unlined area
- Any area that blocks vehicle or pedestrian access
- Roads through and around the campus except where clearly indicated
- Overtime parking at timed spaces
- Incurring five (or more) unpaid parking violations
- Violating snow emergency procedures and/or impeding snow removal
- Any designated construction area
- On sidewalks and walkways

For the complete traffic and parking rules and regulations of Bridgewater State University, please visit

[my.bridgew.edu/departments/pssc](http://my.bridgew.edu/departments/pssc)  
and click on Traffic Rules and Regulations.

### Medical Accommodations

Policy and process to obtain special parking accommodations are online at [my.bridgew.edu/departments/pssc](http://my.bridgew.edu/departments/pssc).

The university may take administrative enforcement action against repeat violators and parking privileges may be suspended or revoked. Unpaid parking violation notices are subject to action by the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

### Appeals

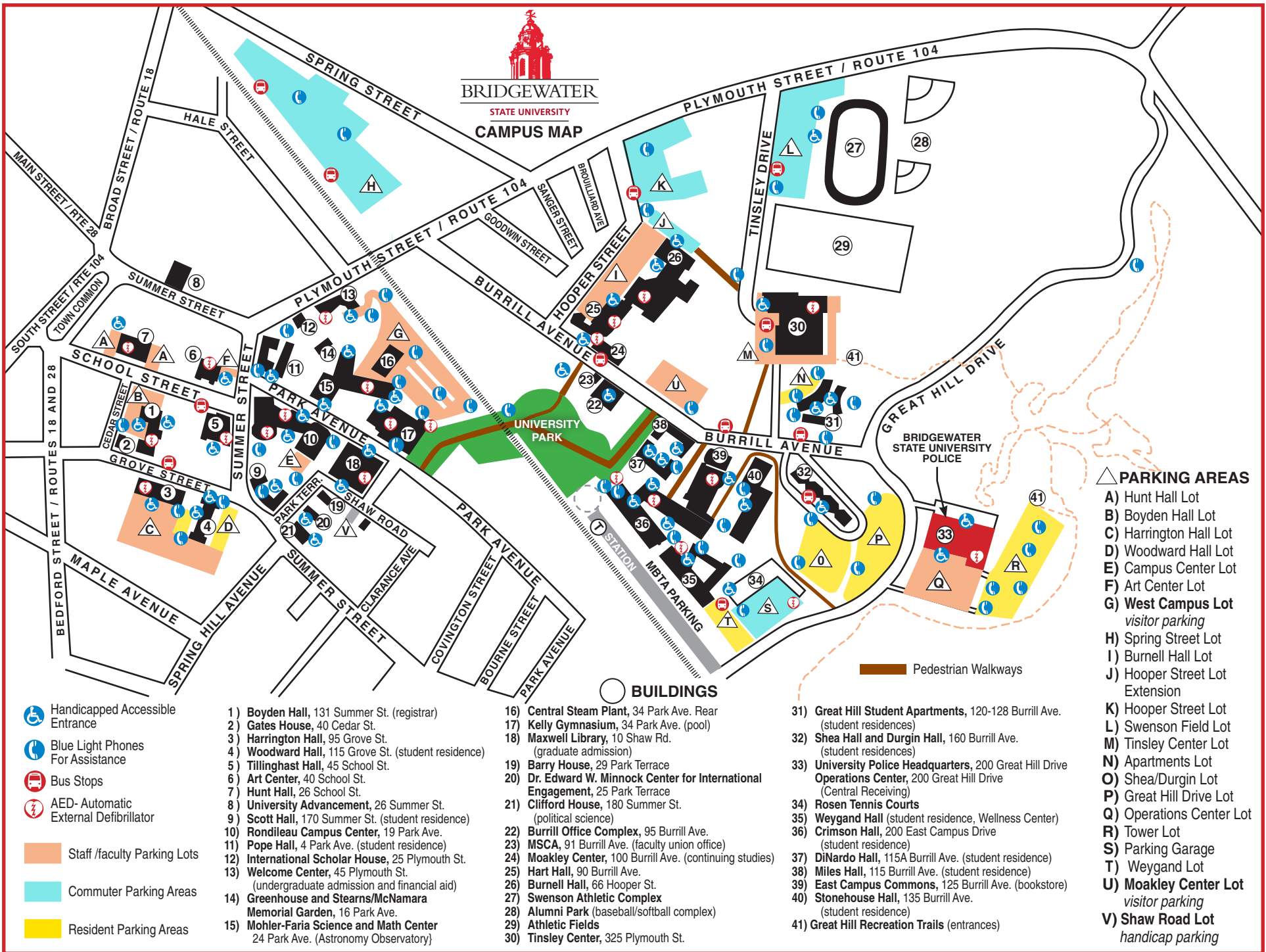
Visitor single-day passes may be obtained on-line and preprinted prior to arriving on campus. Please visit our website. If you feel that you were wrongly issued a parking violation notice, you may submit a written appeal along with the original ticket **within 21** calendar days from the date of issue to the Parking Services and Connect Card Office. Appeal forms are available at the BSU police station; from parking lot monitors; in the Parking Services and Connect Card Office, Hunt Hall, Room 001; and online. To appeal moving violations, contact BSU Police.

University tickets are green. Town of Bridgewater tickets are orange. Written appeals for town tickets may be submitted with the original ticket to the Bridgewater Town Manager's Office. For more information, please visit the Town of Bridgewater website: [www.bridgewaterma.org/Government/Depts/Parking](http://www.bridgewaterma.org/Government/Depts/Parking).

### Motorist Assistance and Disabled Motor Vehicles

Officers are available to provide transport to area service stations and to assist motorists in contacting tow companies, family members and/or auto clubs.

If your vehicle is disabled please contact the BSU Police Department as soon as possible to prevent ticketing/towing and for information on what to do. Any vehicle found without a valid license plate, registration or insurance or showing signs of non-use will be considered abandoned and subject to removal from university property. All expenses incurred in the removal of an unregistered, uninsured or abandoned vehicle will become the responsibility of its owner. The owner of any vehicle so removed shall also be subject to penalties under the general laws of the commonwealth.



## Transportation Services

**Transit Services:** Bridgewater State University Transit Service operates a free on-campus bus service from 7 AM-2 AM, Monday-Friday and 7 PM-2 AM, Saturday and Sunday. For service information, details on routes and Schedules, or for GPS bus tracking and updates visit the Transit Webpage at [www.bsutransit.com](http://www.bsutransit.com) or download the BSU Mobile APP.

This service also includes five daily round-trips Monday through Friday into BAT's main hub, BAT Centre. Departs from the Harrington stop 5 times a day MON-FRI: 6:45 AM; 9:00 AM; 12:10 PM; 3:05 PM; 5:35 PM. Express to Bat Centre via Route 28. For more information on connecting bus services, call BAT at 508.580.1000.

**Carpooling:** To encourage carpooling, the university has made sections of the Moakley and Harrington Lots available where two or more students who commute together can park free of charge. Carpool applications are available in the Parking Services and Connect Card Office. You must follow the rules and regulations outlined on the application to carpool. Carpooling is available Monday-Friday, from 7 AM-5 PM. Resident students and evening students are not eligible for carpool permits. Carpooling is not available during the summer.

**NuRide:** Bridgewater State University offers NuRide to assist commuters in finding carpool partners and track greener trips. Please visit [www.nuride.com/bridgewater](http://www.nuride.com/bridgewater) for more information.

**MBTA:** Access to the Old Colony Commuter Rail is available at Bridgewater State University. Discounted MBTA semester passes are available for purchase. Please refer to the Parking Services and Connect Card Office website for more information. The commuter rail provides service between Middleboro and South Station with stops in Brockton, Randolph, Braintree, Quincy Center and at JFK/UMASS. The commuting time between Bridgewater and Boston is approximately 50 minutes. For more information, call the MBTA customer service line at 800.392.6100 or visit [www.mbta.com](http://www.mbta.com). The MBTA parking lot is for paying MBTA commuter rail passengers only. No BSU overnight parking allowed.

## Campus Safety

Parking lots at Bridgewater State University are regularly patrolled by BSU police. Please call the Bridgewater State University Police with information about any and all suspicious activity.

Please notify BSU Police or the Office of Facilities Management and Planning at 508.531.1296 if hazardous walking or driving conditions exist.

There are a number of blue light assistance phones in university parking lots and throughout the campus. These speaker-type phones connect with BSU police dispatchers and are available to report suspicious activity, call for assistance or to request a safety escort. Telephones with keypads may also be used to make brief on-campus calls. The locations of these phones are designated with stars on the university map.

# P A R K I N G A R E A S

*The letters indicated in the sections below correspond with the campus map. Link [Campus Guide.pdf](#).*

*Please remember to park only in fully lined, unrestricted parking spaces as designated below.*

### Faculty and Staff Parking Areas

(A, B, C, F, G, I, M, Q, U): The Hunt Hall, Boyden Hall, Harrington Hall, Art Center, West Campus, Burnell Hall, Tinsley Center, Operations Center and Moakley Center, lots are designated for vehicles with valid faculty/staff\* parking decals.

*\*Also included in this category are trustee, foundation trustee, emeritus, alumni and contractor permits.*

### Commuter and Special Program Student Parking Areas

7 AM-12 AM (H, J, K, L, S): The Spring Street, Hooper Street, Hooper St. Extension, Swenson Field lots and Parking Garage are designated for vehicles with valid commuter parking decals. Overnight parking for vehicles with commuter decals is permitted in the Swenson Field Lot.

4 PM-12 AM (A, B, C, G, I, U): Hunt Hall, Boyden Hall, Harrington Hall, West Campus, Burnell Hall and the Moakley Center lots.

*\*Also included in this category are special program decals.*

**Art Center Lot (F) and the Tinsley Center Lot (M)** are strictly for faculty and staff at all times.

**Harrington Hall Lot (C) and Moakley Center Lot (U)** are carpool parking areas.

**Resident Student Parking Areas (D, N, O, P, R, T):** Woodward Hall, Apartments, Shea/Durgin, Great Hill Drive, Tower and Weygand lots are designated for vehicles with valid resident parking permits.

Resident students are not permitted to park in commuter or faculty/staff lots after 4 PM. The only exception to this is on weekends from 4 PM Friday to 6 PM Sunday when parking is open. During this time residents may park outside of their designated lots. **Please note:** During snow emergencies, snow emergency guidelines must be followed.

### Visitor Parking

Parking for visitors is available in the Moakley Center (U), West Campus (G), Harrington Hall (C) and Woodward Hall Driveway (D) Lots. Please stop at the parking attendant booth to obtain a temporary parking pass and for specific instructions. Visitors with special needs should contact the Parking Services and Connect Card Office for assistance.

A parking decal is available for frequent visitors of the university. Please contact the Parking Services and Connect Card Office for more information about obtaining a visitor decal. Parking for vehicles with valid visitor decals is in the West Campus (H) and in the Moakley Center (N) lots.

Overnight visitor parking is permitted from Sunday evening through Thursday evening. Overnight guests must park in the Swenson Field (L) lot from 4 PM to 7 AM. Guests must be out of the lot by 7 AM Monday- Friday. A parking pass is not required for overnight parking. On weekends from 4 PM Friday-6 PM Sunday parking is permitted in all commuter, resident and faculty/staff lots without a parking decal or temporary pass. **Please note:** During snow emergencies, snow emergency guidelines must be followed.

### Graduate Assistants

(C, G, U); The Harrington Hall, West Campus and Moakley Center lots are designated for vehicles with valid graduate assistant parking decals.

### Vendor Parking Areas

A parking decal is available to those who work at the university frequently, but who are not regular BSU employees. Vendor parking is in the West Campus (G) and the Moakley Center (U) lots.

### Summer Sessions

During the summer months parking regulations are in effect, therefore, parking decals are required. Commuters may park in the Woodward Hall Lot (D) depending on availability. Commuters are not allowed to park in faculty/staff lots until after 4 PM.

Resident student decals are honored in commuter lots during the summer and the Woodward Hall Lot (D) (with Woodward Hall again depending on availability).

### Motorcycle Areas

(G, L): The West Campus and Swenson Field lots have areas designated for motorcycle parking. Parking decals are not necessary for motorcycles.

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## Snow Emergency Guidelines

**All students:** When there is an actual or anticipated snow emergency, rotating yellow “snow alert” beacons will be activated in campus resident parking lots. These beacons are indicators within these respective lots to remove the vehicles located between the signs. This is in preparation for snow removal within these respective lots. Informational signs will be posted in residence halls providing instructions to owners of resident vehicles as to procedures to follow during an upcoming inclement weather event. Further information to vehicle owners will be provided throughout a weather event.

Designated sections of certain resident lots (Great Hill Drive Lot, Shea/Durgin Lot, Student Apartments Lot, Tower Lot, Weygand Hall Lot, and the Woodward Hall Lot) have signage indicating that in the event of a snow alert, those designated sections must be vacated by 11:59 PM on the day that the snow alert is put into effect, or vehicles will be ticketed and towed to allow sufficient space for snow removal. Cars should be moved to unrestricted spaces in any authorized lot.

During a snow alert, in addition to the designated sections of resident lots mentioned above, any vehicle parked in violation of snow alert instructions will be ticketed and may be towed without warning if the vehicle’s location obstructs snow removal efforts. The current fine for impeding snow removal is \$75. If a vehicle must be towed, it will be done at the vehicle owner’s expense, at a cost of \$125 plus \$20 per day storage and the \$75 fine (fees and fines are subject to change).

Commuter and faculty/staff lots will receive first priority for snow removal to ensure that these lots are ready once the University re-opens. Resident lots will then be cleared.

**Resident students:** It may be necessary for resident students to move their cars to facilitate snow removal. This notification will be made through pre-recorded snow parking messages at

508.531.7765 (RSNL) and channel 11 analog, channel 131.1 digital of the ResNet cable television system. In addition, the Resident Director (RD) on duty sends out information via e-mail to resident students. The content of the e-mail is from the Facilities Management Department.

Resident students will be asked to move their cars temporarily while resident lots are cleared. Instructions and timelines will be provided via the methods outlined above. During the winter weather season, it is advisable for all permit holders to maintain scrapers and shovels in their vehicles to assist in moving from one lot to another and back again when the lot is cleared.

**Commuter students:** Commuter students may call the University’s Inclement Weather Line (508.531.1777), check the University’s website ([www.bridgew.edu](http://www.bridgew.edu)) and/or intra net (<https://my.bridgew.edu/>), or listen to the radio and television stations identified above to learn if the University will be closed. When the University is closed, commuter students are asked not to come on campus. If for some reason you are required to do so, you must contact the BSU Police Department for special parking instructions. Failure to do so may result in enforcement action for impeding snow removal.

**Students with disabilities requiring assistance:** The BSU Police Department will be the contact point for the needs of disabled students. The police will notify the Director of Physical Plant of any such requests.

**University employee parking when the University is closed:** It is critical that nonessential employees do not report to work voluntarily during a closure. Essential employees should park in their regularly assigned parking spaces, unless otherwise directed by the BSU Police Department or Facilities Management Department.

For more information, please refer to the Inclement Weather Policy on the university webpage: [my.bridgew.edu/departments/adminfin](http://my.bridgew.edu/departments/adminfin) and click on inclement weather policy

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## Parking FAQ's

**Q:** I am a night student and on campus only after 4 PM. Do I need a decal?

**A:** Yes. All vehicles on campus must display a valid parking decal or pass while parked on campus. The only time decals are not required is on weekends from 4 PM Friday–6 PM Sunday.

**Q:** What should I do if my original decal is on a car I sold, or that vehicle is no longer on the road?

**A:** Please remove the old decal off your vehicle and bring it to the Parking Services and Connect Card Office. You will be issued a new decal at no charge for your next vehicle.

**Q:** My car has a decal, but it's being repaired. Can I borrow someone else's car for a few days and keep that one on campus?

**A:** Yes, you can keep a borrowed car on campus, however, you need to come visit the Parking Services and Connect Card Office M-F between 7:30 AM and 5 PM or after business hours go to the BSU Police Department to obtain a temporary parking pass at no charge.

**Q:** I do not normally have a car on campus, but I just need to bring one for the week. Can I get a temporary pass?

**A:** Yes. Upperclass or commuter students who do not have a vehicle with a decal, can purchase temporary parking passes from the Parking Services and Connect Card Office for \$10 per week.

**Q:** My doctor says I cannot walk long distances; can I park in handicapped parking?

**A:** No. Drivers are only allowed to park in handicapped parking if they have handicapped plates or an appropriate handicap permit. If you have a health concern that limits your ability to walk to and from campus buildings, please visit the Parking Services and Connect Card website for the Student Medical Exemption and Employee Medical Accommodations link.

**Q:** A friend is visiting my residence hall. Can he/she park his/her car on campus?

**A:** Yes. Visitors are welcome on campus. They must get a day pass at the Parking Services and Connect Card Office. Overnight guests must park in the Swenson Field lot. No overnight pass is required. Please refer to the Visitor Parking section of the Parking Guide for more details.

**Q:** I cannot get to the Parking Services and Connect Card Office during business hours for a temporary pass. What should I do?

**A:** In most cases, the BSU police dispatcher can issue you a temporary pass. For decals and multiple day passes, please call the Parking Services and Connect Card Office to discuss alternative ways to obtain your decal/pass.

