

Charging your electric vehicle on the Capitol Campus Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who can park on the Capitol Campus?

A: Visitors can park in designated parking areas for an hourly fee. Enterprise Services assigns Capitol Campus employees to a specific parking garage or parking lot for a monthly fee. To learn more, visit: <https://des.wa.gov/services/travel-cars-parking/parking> where you can access [interactive maps](#).

Q: Where can I charge my personal electric vehicle?

A: There are a limited number of public electric vehicle charging stations on the Capitol Campus for visitor and employee use. There are two primary public locations, noted on the [online map](#): The Gateway lot near the roundabout at 14th Avenue and Jefferson Street has eight stalls and the visitor lot on the corner of Sid Snyder and Capitol Way has two stations. Parking rules ([WAC 200-200-188](#)) prohibit employees who work on the Capitol Campus from parking in the visitor lot at Sid Snyder. Payment is required for each.

Q: Can I use the electric vehicle charging stations in the garage/lot assigned to me for my personal vehicle?

A: Not unless your agency's policy allows that. There are currently a very limited number of electric vehicle charging stations available for use by agency employees for their personal vehicles. When an agency installs electric vehicle chargers, that specific agency's policy governs who can use the stations. Please check with your agency for specific details.

Q: Can I use the charging stations in the Plaza Garage to charge my personal vehicle?

A: The charging stations in the Plaza Garage are strictly for fleet vehicles or drivers using a daily rental fleet vehicle.

Q: Are there charging stations nearby that are available to the public?

A: Additional electric vehicle charging stations can be found throughout Thurston County at www.plugshare.com. Tumwater has a DC fast charger to assist with charging needs of commuters located at 6131 Capitol Blvd. S.E., and Lacey will be adding a DC fast charger in the near future at the Walmart, 1447 Galaxy Dr. N.E.

Q: Are there plans to increase the number of EV chargers on the Capitol Campus?

A: DES continually evaluates feedback from parkers on campus. Given the recent increase in demand for electric vehicle chargers, DES is exploring how to cost effectively deploy available infrastructure.

Q: Who pays for the maintenance on the charging stations installed on Campus?

A: The agency that originally paid for the installation maintains the charging stations. Those agencies also have the authority to establish user priority for the stations.

Q: What policies or procedures govern use of electric charging stations on the Capitol Campus?

A: State law - [RCW 43.01.250](#) State Purchase of Power at State Locations.

State law – [RCW 43.19.648](#) Publicly Owned Vehicles Fuel Usage

State law - [RCW 46.08.185](#) Requirements for EV Charging spaces and penalties for misuse

Q: I am a state employee working on the Capitol Campus. Where do I park if my assigned parking lot or garage is full?

A: The Plaza Garage is available to all registered parkers only if you cannot find parking in your assigned lot or garage. Levels E and F in the Plaza Garage typically have available stalls. Contact the Parking Office at 360-725-0030 Monday-Friday from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm if you need assistance.

Q: What policies or procedures govern parking on the Capitol Campus?

A: State Law - [RCW 46.08.172](#) Parking rental fees—Establishment.

Washington Administrative Code Rule [WAC 200-200](#) Parking on the Capitol Campus