

Larry's Top10 Tips

Parking in NYC is a dangerous and costly activity. Here are valuable tips that will save your hard-earned dough.

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Don't park in NYC within them

- 1. You are not permitted to sit in your car and wait for Aunt Tillie to finish an errand in the store, or take the elevator from her apartment to the street, (even if you keep your motor running) in a no parking or no standing zone 1.
- 2. Every inch of NYC is a tow-away zone. No signs or notice of any kind required. Due Process be damned!
- 3. The difference between a legal and major legal holiday is that on a legal holiday, the only benefit bestowed on the driving public is the suspension of street cleaning rules. You still have to feed the meters and obey all parking signs

- 4. On major legal holidays stopping, standing, and parking is permitted, except in areas where stopping, standing, and parking rules are in effect seven days per week (for example, No Standing Anytime). You don't have to pay muni-meters on major legal holidays
- 5. Major legal holidays are New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day
- 6. New Years Eve and Christmas Eve are not parking holidays
- 7. Black Friday is not a parking holiday
- 8. Your chariot may be booted and towed away in certain parts of NYC. You'll receive a boot and a notice that if you don't remove the boot in 2-hours you car can be towed (This is a police department edict and it @\$#!)
- 9. The exception to the fire hydrant rule only applies to passenger vehicles between sunrise and sunset
- 10. It is not legal to park within 15 feet of a broken fire hydrant. But if you get a ticket and the fire hydrant looks totally dead and broken, I suggest fighting the ticket and take great photographs of the non-operable fire hydrant to support your defense.

Bonus Tips

11. You are permitted to park/block a pedestrian ramp (curb cut) if it is located mid-block, without a marked crosswalk, and traffic control devices or traffic signs regulating traffic

12. You cannot stop temporarily to answer your cell phone in a no stopping, no standing, and no parking zone

13. NYC buses are NOT equipped (yet) with cameras to take pictures of illegally parked cars. The cameras installed on an NYC bus are for security purposes

14. You can enter an active bus lane to make the first right-hand turn 15.
Read Larry's Blog because Larry's a good guy (I tried to keep MOM from adding this bonus tip).



Don't hesitate to contact Larry

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