

Towing Policy

Philosophy

The decision to tow a vehicle is not taken lightly. The Department of Parking and Transportation will make every effort to contact the owner/operator in an attempt to get a vehicle moved prior to towing. There are, however, certain circumstances when towing will be justified without prior notice. Loyola Marymount University reserves the right to tow any vehicle parked in violation of any of the university's Parking and Transportation rules and regulations, policies and/or the California Vehicle Code at the expense of the vehicle owner.

Common Definitions

Abandoned/Derelict vehicles – A vehicle is considered abandoned if it is not registered with a valid campus parking permit and is inoperative or partially dismantled, or if it is parked on university property without authorization for more than 96 hours.

ADA Designated space – spaces designated per specifications of the Department of Transportation, California Vehicle Code and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). ADA designated stalls are also sometimes referred to as "Handicap" parking. In order to use these spaces requires the clear display of a valid ADA placard or license plate. All accompanying DMV paperwork must remain with the vehicle for verification if requested.

Impound – vehicles transported typically via tow truck to an off-campus location. There is a fee to release the vehicle from impound back into the custody of the owner. This fee is the sole responsibility of the vehicle's owner. Additional fines may apply.

Relocation – Vehicles towed from one part of campus to another, without leaving LMU property. If the vehicle is relocated due to a violation or driver negligence, a relocation fee will be associated with the tow and charged to the responsible operator. Additional fines may apply.

Policies / Procedure

Vehicles with active permits but with four or more unpaid citations are not exempt from the Towing Policy. The following are the most common reasons for towing:

1. Having four or more unpaid parking tickets.
2. Parking on property not designated for vehicular traffic or in a "No Parking" areas (driving lanes, traffic lanes, red curbs, fire-lanes, driveways, sidewalks, dumpster spaces, intersections, grass, lawns, loading dock zone, tow-away zones, etc.)
3. Parking in handicapped/disabled spaces without proper ADA identification. Proper DMV paperwork must accompany all vehicles displaying ADA hangtags or placards and occupying an ADA space.
4. Parked in reserved spaces, areas, or lots without authorization from the Department of Parking and Transportation. This includes all temporary signage placed by the Department of Parking and



Transportation.

5. Parked in a fashion that obstructs vehicle and/or pedestrian traffic or in any manner that creates a hazard to motorists and/or pedestrians.
6. Parked blocking a driveway or obstructing an exit or entrance. Parked in a way causing a hazard to vehicles entering or exiting.
7. Parked in fire lanes, red curbs, or in front of or within 15 ft of a fire hydrant.
8. Vehicles parked in areas restricted to LMU or authorized vehicles only.
9. Vehicles parked overnight in Lots B and C or any other area restricting overnight parking.
10. Any vehicle creating a dangerous condition or hazard as determined by the Department of Parking and Transportation.

Liability

LMU is not responsible for damages to a vehicle resulting from towing or storage. All claims need to be taken to the towing company.

What to do if your vehicle is towed

During regular business hours, contact the Department of Parking and Transportation at (310) 338-1681 to verify the towing location of your vehicle. After normal business hours or on weekends, contact the Department of Public Safety at (310) 338-2893.

To claim your vehicle from impound, you must provide proof of ownership plus a picture ID. Towing and storage fees will also need to be paid to the impounding agency. Our current towing agency is:

Bruffy's Del Rey Tow - Glencoe

(310) 395 - 0084
4130 Glencoe Avenue
Marina Del Rey, CA 90292

If you aren't sure why you were towed, you should also contact the Parking and Transportation office (310-338-1681) for clarification of the parking rules and regulations so that you can avoid similar inconveniences in the future.

Questions and/or comments concerning Parking Enforcement should be directed to the Parking Manager at (310) 338-1681.