

# RESIDENTIAL PARKING FACT SHEET



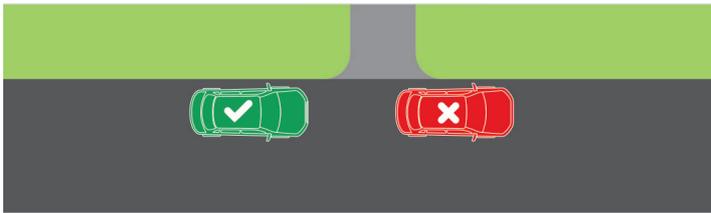
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Port Macquarie-Hastings Council is often called upon to help residents when parked or stopped vehicles are restricting local access and traffic flow. This fact sheet will help you identify where vehicles can legally park and what Council can do to help when vehicles are affecting local access.

## How do I know if a vehicle is parked illegally near or across my driveway?

Drivers must not park across a driveway or prevent access to a property.

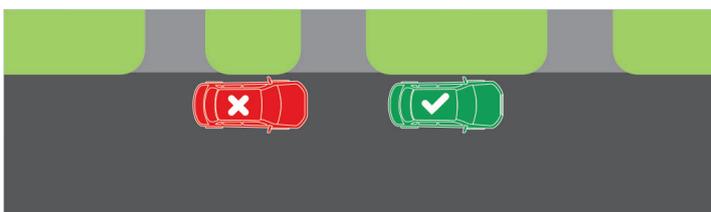


## Cars are always parked out the front of my house. Is this legal?

Unless there are No Stopping signs or lines in place, parking on the street is legal. However, if the car is parked across your driveway, preventing access, on a yellow line or disobeying official parking signs, you can phone Council to report the problem.

## Cars often block my driveway because the distance between my driveway and my neighbour's driveway is too small for parking. Is this legal?

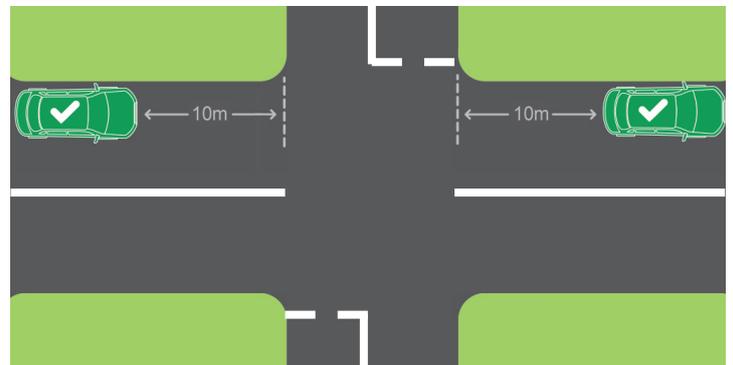
It is the driver's responsibility to ensure their vehicle fits in the available space. If a vehicle is blocking your driveway, contact Council to report the problem. Council can issue warnings or fines where appropriate.



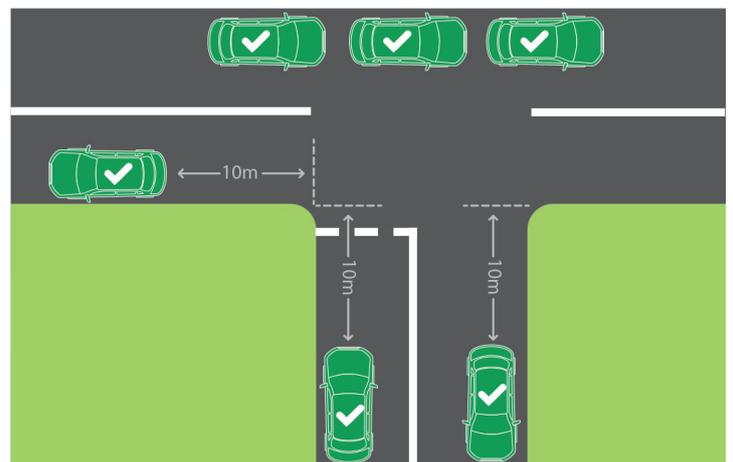
## How close can cars park to an intersection?

A driver must not stop or park their vehicle within:

- > 20 metres of a signalised intersection, unless otherwise signed
- > 10 metres of a non-signalised intersection, unless otherwise signed.



At a T-intersection, a driver is allowed to park along the continuous road, unless otherwise signed or indicated.



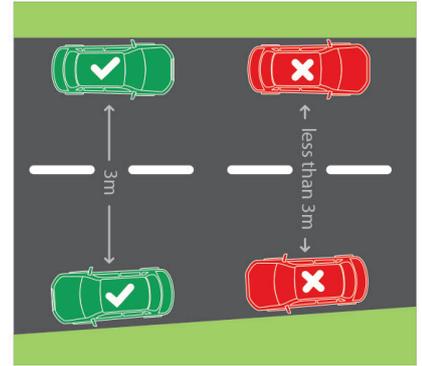
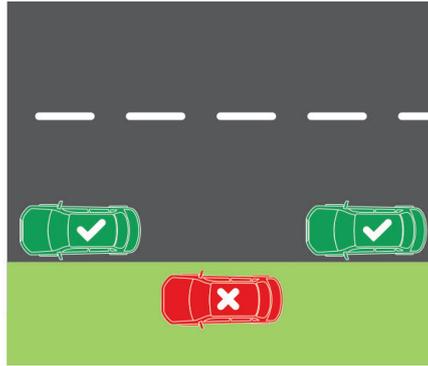
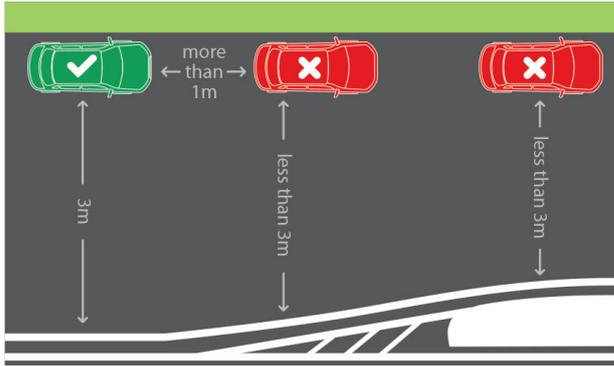
If vehicles are regularly parking too close to an intersection, contact Council to report the problem.

## Cars park on both sides of the road which means only one car can fit through at a time. Is this legal?

Motorists can park on both sides of the road but they must leave at least three metres of clear roadway between their vehicle and other parked vehicles, dividing strips, traffic islands or unbroken dividing lines.

If vehicles are preventing access or traffic flow, contact Council to report the problem.

Some motorists park on the footpath to allow cars to drive along the street. This is illegal and motorists may be issued with a warning or fine.



## What happens if cars are preventing the garbage truck from emptying my garbage bins?

All motorists must leave at least three metres of clear roadway beside their vehicle. This will allow large vehicles, such as waste collection vehicles, to access local streets. If the waste collector cannot access your bin with the mechanical arm due to vehicles parked along the street, the bins will be emptied manually.

## GET TO KNOW YOUR SIGNS

No Stopping and No Parking signs and lines help traffic flow, ease congestion and enhance safety for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists. Always check the signs and lines before parking your vehicle or before reporting illegally parked vehicles.

**NO STOPPING**

No Stopping signs prohibit stopping and parking along a section of road at any time unless stated.

**NO STOPPING RESTRICTED TIMES**

No Stopping signs prohibit stopping and parking along a section of road during the times and/or days shown on the signs. Parking and stopping outside these times is permitted.

**NO PARKING**

Vehicles may stop for up to two minutes to drop-off or pick-up goods or passengers. The driver must remain within three metres of the vehicle while stopped in these zones.

**YELLOW NO STOPPING LINES**

Yellow lines have the same meaning as a No Stopping sign and prohibit stopping and parking along a section of road at any time.

### Did you know?

- > Motorists can stop briefly in, or across, a driveway when they are picking up and dropping off passengers, except where 'No Stopping' restrictions are in place.
- > Parking on a footpath or nature strip is prohibited.

### NEXT STEPS

#### REPORTING ILLEGALLY PARKED CARS TO COUNCIL

Council will issue warnings or fines where appropriate.

If the problem occurs regularly, please contact Council on 6581 8111 or via [www.pmhc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.pmhc.nsw.gov.au)

### For more information on:

- > **Residential parking** visit [pmhc.nsw.gov.au/parking](http://pmhc.nsw.gov.au/parking) or call Council on 6581 8111
- > **NSW road rules** visit [legislation.nsw.gov.au](http://legislation.nsw.gov.au)
- > **NSW Police** visit [police.nsw.gov.au](http://police.nsw.gov.au) or phone 13 14 44 for general enquiries
- > **Neighbourhood disputes resolution** visit [cjc.justice.nsw.gov.au](http://cjc.justice.nsw.gov.au)