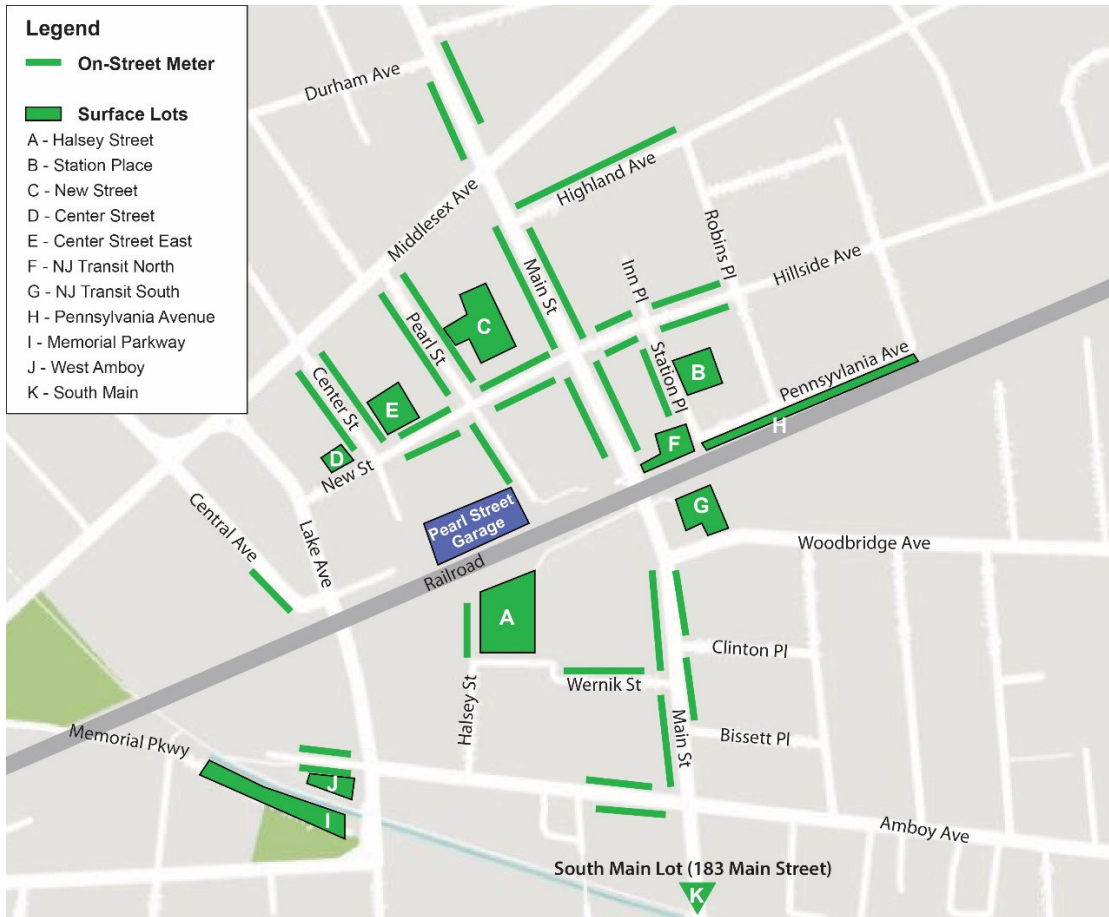


# Metuchen Parking Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

## Parking Locations

Public parking can be found at the locations pictured below:



## Short-Term Parking

### 1. Where is short-term parking available?

- At on-street meters for up to 2 hours.
- In Center Street Lot, Center Street East Lot, and New Street Lot for up to 4 hours.
- In Halsey Street Lot for a maximum of 24 hours.

- In South Main Lot for 14 hours.
- At Station Place Lot and the NJ Transit Lots for up to 72 hours.
- At the Pearl Street Garage, parking is available hourly, daily, and for up to 21 days. Please note that long-term parkers pay less by purchasing a parking permit.

## **2. What are the rates for short-term parking?**

- \$1.00/hour at on-street meters.
- \$1.00/hour for the first two hours and \$2.00/hour for the next two hours in Center Street Lot, Center Street East Lot, and New Street Lot.
- \$0.50/hour in Halsey Street Lot and South Main Lot.
- \$5.00/daily in Station Place Lot and the NJ Transit Lots.
- \$5.00 for the first 3 hours at the Pearl Street Garage. [Click here](#) for short-term rates.

## **3. How do I pay for parking?**

- Credit/debit cards at credit-enabled meters and pay stations.
- Through the [Park Smarter app](#). Pay-by-app instructions are available on the meters and pay stations.
- Coins/cash are not accepted at meters or pay stations.

## **4. I parked at a space and there is time remaining on the meter from the previous parking session. How can I extend the time to pay for my parking session?**

- At credit/debit enabled meters, time can be added by inserting and removing your card, then adding time up to the 2-hour limit.
- You can start a new session on the Park Smarter app.
- Please note, 10-minute free parking cannot be activated until the previous parking session ends. You cannot add 10 free minutes to a previous or existing parking session.

## **5. Is there any free parking downtown?**

- You can park at any credit-enabled meter for free for 10 minutes by pressing the 'OK' button on the meter. This convenience is for "quick" pickup or drop-off transactions. You cannot add 10 free minutes to an existing parking session.
- There are 15-minute free parking spaces located at on-street meter locations downtown. Look for meter heads with red bags.
- Metered spaces are free on Sunday and federal holidays.
- The Pearl Street Garage is free for up to 3 hours from Friday at 5pm to Sunday at 11:59pm.

**6. Is parking at the Pearl Street Garage open to anyone?**

- Yes! Residents, employees, diners, shoppers, and visitors are welcome and encouraged to use the Pearl Street Garage.

**For more information, please contact the Metuchen Parking Authority at**

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