

# RICE UNIVERSITY

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Subject: Parking

Dear Rice Students, Faculty and Staff:

Welcome to another academic year, and a special welcome to all of you who are new to Rice. As returning members of our university family already know, the Rice campus and the neighborhoods surrounding it form a unique community and provide a wonderful place to live and work. Since you're members of this community, I'd like to call to your attention a concern that our neighbors have been raising for a number of years – parking in the neighborhoods surrounding Rice.

The situation is complex and involves parkers from Rice, the Texas Medical Center, and the Rice Village. But to avoid having Rice community members aggravate parking problems in the surrounding neighborhoods, I'm appealing to you to park in university parking facilities, not on nearby streets. This is consistent with Rice's rules regarding registration and parking of personal vehicles which state, in part:

*Rice values its cordial relations with area institutions, businesses and residents and looks to the members of the Rice community to help maintain these positive relationships. Accordingly, just as many campus amenities are open to the general public but intended for the primary benefit of Rice students, staff and faculty, so available on-street parking in the residential neighborhoods near the Rice campus should be reserved for the primary use of the residents of these neighborhoods and their visitors. When visiting, residing or working at Rice-owned properties, Rice contractors and Rice students, staff, faculty and their guests are expected to park in university-provided parking facilities, not on neighborhood streets.*

The full text of the university's traffic and parking regulations may be found online at [www.rice.edu/parking](http://www.rice.edu/parking). Again, welcome to a new school year and, for some of you, to a new community. Your support of the university's policies is greatly appreciated.



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