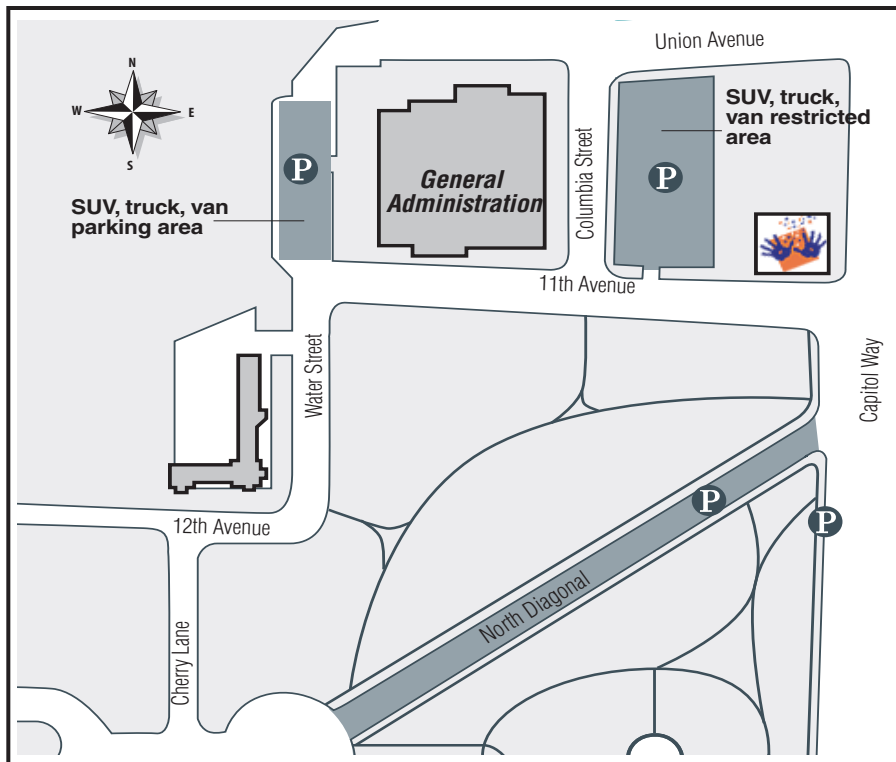


# Important Parking CHANGE!

Heavy vehicles, including SUVs, VANS & TRUCKS, can NO LONGER park on the upper parking deck of the GA Visitor Parking Garage, at Columbia Street and 11th Avenue, beginning November 8, 2007. This garage is located between the Hands On Children's Museum and the General Administration Building.

## New Parking Area for SUVs, VANS & TRUCKS

Heavy vehicles may park in new visitor parking stalls in the street-level parking lot located just past the front doors of the General Administration Building. Follow the signs along 11th Avenue to the end of the street and make a right into the new parking lot. SUVs, VANS & TRUCKS may also park in the campus diagonal parking spaces or any available on-street parking.



## What If I Have A Smaller Vehicle?

Mid-size vehicles, such as a Toyota Camry, or small vehicles, such as a Ford Focus, may still park in the upper lot at the GA Visitor Garage.

## Why Can't I Park My SUV In The Upper Lot?

The two-story GA Visitor Parking structure was built in 1957. While the structure is still safe, it has been damaged because rainwater infiltrated the waterproof membrane coating on the upper deck. This has caused some of the steel rebar embedded in the concrete to rust. The rusted steel has expanded causing small cracks and pieces of concrete to flake off.

Heavy vehicles, including SUVs and vans, will cause further damage to the garage. To ensure the safety of all drivers, an engineering consultant hired by the state has recommended keeping heavier vehicles off the top level of the garage.

## What Else Do I Need To Know?

- A plastic bar will be installed at a height of 6'6" at the entry to the upper visitor parking area to prevent larger vehicles from entering.
- Violators will be subject to a ticket and a fine from the Washington State Patrol.
- Parking will remain 50 cents per hour for all campus parking stalls on weekdays from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Parking is free evenings and weekends.

For more information, call the General Administration Parking Office at 360-725-0030.