Money Stored on the Key

The money stored on each key is non-refundable and is not actively tracked by Parking Services. Each owner is responsible for money stored on the key and any potential lost time. Parking can not adjust the amount of money stored on each key. Parking is also not responsible for overpayment of the meters.

Lost Meter Keys

Lost keys will result in the forfeit of the deposit and loss of any time still remaining on the key. A new key must be purchased and a new deposit will be required. If a key is stolen, a stolen report must be made to the Campus Police Department.
Benefits of the Meter Key System

- Not having to worry about change
- Increased mobility from lot to lot
- Only paying for time parked on campus versus buying a permit and using it for partial day parking.
- $22.50 buys $25 of meter time

General Information

The meter key system allows alternative access to the parking meters within the campus. The system reduces the need for change. Using this system, the meter money can be stored on a single key for use at any time in 10 cent (12-minute) increments. This system is compatible with the electronic meters located on the EWU campus and city of Cheney streets. Using this system does not, in any way, increase the accessibility of meters over the use of coinage. There is no guarantee that a meter will be available for use in your desired area. If no meter is available in your preferred lot, proceed to a different lot to locate an unoccupied meter.

Meter Key Deposit

There is a $20 deposit to acquire your meter key. This amount is refunded upon return of the key, any damage to the key forfeits the deposit. If the key is lost, a new deposit is required for a replacement key. If the key does not work or is not functioning properly, Parking Services will exchange the key at no cost. Meter keys are non-transferable and are regarded as EWU property. Only the original purchaser may redeem the key for a return on the deposit.

Adding Time to Meter Keys

Money can only be added to your meter key at the Parking Services office. Money added will be given a 10 percent discount in price. For example, every $22.50 charge adds $25 to the key. Money can be added to your key in increments of $25 in meter funds ($22.50 your cost).

Using the Meter Key

To add time to your meter insert the key into the electronic meter. You must insert the key multiple times to achieve the desired amount of time on the meter. Each insertion of the key will deduct 10 cents from your meter money, this will add 12 minutes of meter time. The amount of time added to a meter cannot exceed the maximum time limit posted on the meter. For example, if you are parked at a one-hour meter the meter will not allow for more than one hour of time.