

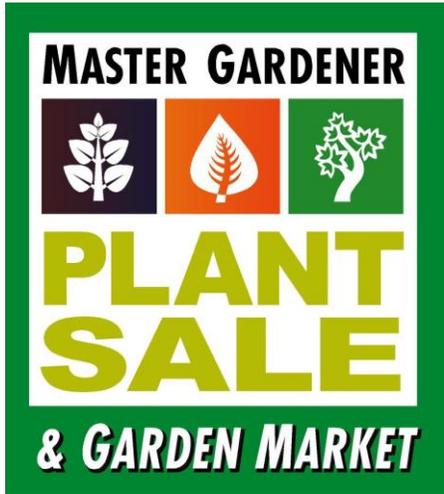


The Foundation Connection

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Master Gardener Spring Plant Sale 2018: *Changing with the Season* — *Parking*

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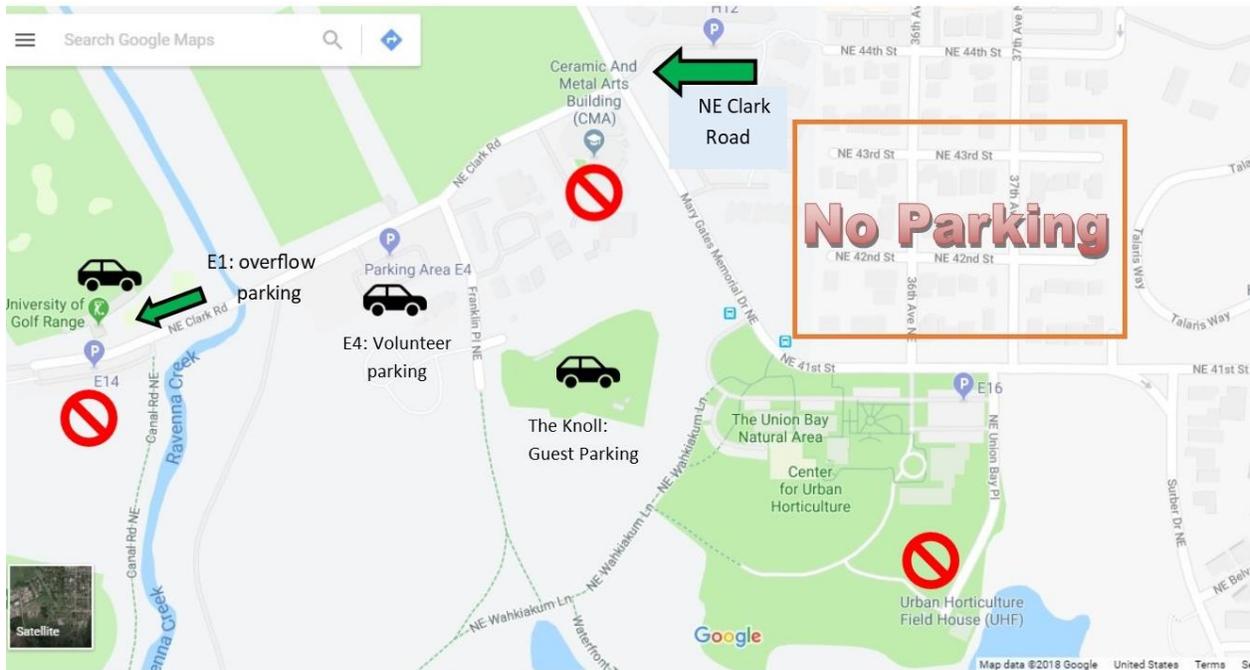


This story, the latest in the series on the 2018 Master Gardener Plant Sale at the Center for Urban Horticulture (CUH), will update you on changes to parking at the sale.

This event, sponsored by The Master Gardener Foundation of King County, is the primary fund-raiser for the MGFKC Program, including funding your clinic's operations, the demonstration gardens, and many other programs.

Volunteer, vendor, and guest parking at this year's May Plant Sale will be quite different from past years. Please review this information carefully before you arrive to plan ahead and understand what has changed. Note that the Montlake Bridge is scheduled to open at 9:30 a.m. for boat traffic; plan for alternate routes.

The Facilities staff at CUH has mandated several changes in the areas where parking will be allowed and prohibited at this year's May 4-5 sale. Take a look at this map of the area to understand the discussion that follows.





Grassy area behind the Greenhouse. There will be NO PARKING in the grassy parking area used by volunteers and vendors in the past. This is the area behind and to the southeast of the greenhouse, accessed by the last driveway of the CUH grounds. You will not be allowed to enter this driveway at the entrance to the grounds. As in the past, this entry giving access to the small parking lot near the cashier tent will be staffed during the sale. Entry will be allowed for plant pick up and Disability parking only, but no other parking.



Neighborhood across from CUH. Additionally, CUH has asked that we do all that we can to prevent anyone from parking in the neighborhood immediately northeast of the grounds, generally NE 42nd and NE 43rd Streets and 36th NE and 37th NE Avenues. This area will be heavily signed “No Plant Sale Parking” on Friday and Saturday.



NEW AREA for volunteer and vendor parking. Immediately after turning onto Mary Gates Drive from Sand Point Way, well before it curves and becomes 41st Street, look for NE Clark Road on the right. Turn here and follow the signs to LOT E4

- **Lot E4** is reserved for vendors and volunteers, where nearly 100 parking spaces have already been paid for. If this lot is full, drive farther down Clark Road to Lot E1.
- **Lot E1**, farther down Clark Road, will be staffed by a UW Parking attendant on Saturday only. Inform that person that you’re going to the plant sale, and you will be allowed in at no charge. It’s a very short walk to the sale grounds from these lots.



Do not attempt to park anywhere near the Ceramic and Metal Arts Building (Lot E3) after turning onto Clark Road.



Do not park in Lot E14 near the golf driving range.

Other options. Look for a parking spot farther along 41st, beyond CUH, or in the neighborhoods southeast of there (Surber Drive NE, etc).

Customer parking only. Signs will direct our guests to park on “The Knoll,” the area also just off NE Clark Road, and marked “Guest Parking.” Volunteers: please do not park here as it is for Plant Sale customers only, not for MG volunteers. These guests will also be discouraged from parking in the neighborhoods listed above but may park on 41st.

CARPPOOL with other Master Gardeners who are working similar shifts to reduce the number of cars looking for parking. **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION** is also a good choice, including the bus. King County Metro bus route 78 stops right in front of the Center for Urban Horticulture on NE 41st Street. Metro bus routes 25, 65, and 75 stop at NE 45th Street and Mary Gates Memorial Drive NE. Route 67 stops at NE 45th and Montlake Boulevard NE.