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## TOPS Offers New Printing Options

**Washington, DC** – The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) announced a significant enhancement to the “Emergency No Parking” sign program within its [Transportation Online Permitting System \(TOPS\)](#).

Any utility companies and developers using TOPS can print Emergency No Parking (ENP) signs for any date range within their approved permit “window of opportunity.” This applies to construction staging permits only. Users can return to any TOPS kiosk (six Metropolitan Police Department locations) and print ENP signs displaying current dates and times of proposed temporary occupancy as often as needed during the period of the permit. The dates and times can now be changed to reflect a more accurate situation for each construction site. Initially, the ENP signs would only state the full duration of the occupancy—not the specific beginning and end dates needed.

This effort will improve enforcement and provide more clarity for the public when work is actually being performed in public space. Additionally, a 24-hour print option has now been added that will display “24-hour occupancy” on the sign. As it has been the case, the ENP signs must be put up **24 hours in advance in commercial districts, and 72 hours in advance in residential ones.**

These permit types include the following:

- Construction Staging Area
- Roll off Debris Container
- City Event
- Marathon
- Parade
- Other Special Events

For more information about TOPS, please visit [www.tops.ddot.dc.gov](http://www.tops.ddot.dc.gov).

Questions can be directed to PSRD’s Customer Relations Branch at (202) 442-4670.

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