



NANTUCKET MEMORIAL AIRPORT INTRODUCES CHIP COIN PARKING SYSTEM

In June the Airport will be initiating a new paid parking system to replace the envelopes and little plastic bags that litter the neighboring area. The new system will simplify the parking considerably and will eliminate the wastefulness of the envelopes, plastic bags and monthly statements that usually number between 3,000 and 4,000 each month. The system uses Chip Coins that can be reused thousands of times.

On the 21st of June we will begin using the newly installed Chip Coin Parking system that will entail driving up to a gate and having a small token (Chip Coin), a little smaller than a poker chip, dispensed. This token contains a small computer chip that has recorded the date and time you entered the lot. If you are spending the day off island or having lunch or dinner at Crosswinds you simply deposit the Chip Coin at the exit gate when you leave, at no charge. ***There is no charge for daily parking.*** However, if you are in the lot at midnight you must go by a “pay on foot station” and pay for the parking. You can pay by credit card or cash – no coins. Simply deposit the Chip Coin and the machine will advise the payment due. Once the transaction is complete the Chip Coin is returned and you have time to get to your car, deposit the Chip Coin and exit the parking lot.

If you are away for a period of time take the Chip Coin with you so that you can pay in the terminal prior to going out into the elements. However, if you are not going to be away overnight or if someone is to pick up your car, do not take the Chip Coin with you since you cannot exit without depositing it.

There are two pay stations in the terminal. One pay station is in the foyer of the air taxi arrivals just outside the rental car area. The second is in the new summer arrivals wing inside the vending room by the terminal exit. It is also possible to pay by credit card at the parking lot exits. The system accepts cash, Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover credit or debit cards.

An alternative to the Chip Coin is to insert a credit card as you enter the lot and use the same credit card at the exit gate. Your card will only be charged if you are overnight. The system will also continue the seasonal and annual pay plans for those people who utilize them and will allow multiple vehicles to be on these plans.