

Parking Police Publish List of Moscow's Most Towed Cars

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Moscow traffic wardens have published the license-plate numbers of the 10 vehicles that were towed away most often for parking infringements last month in an attempt to discourage other drivers from committing the same offense.

Moscow's parking authority posted the "record of accomplishments" on its <u>Facebook</u> page on Tuesday, introducing it with the following message: "Some drivers, evidently, like having their cars towed so much that they strive toward it again and again."

As well as the license-plate numbers of the repeat offenders, the list also includes the car models, the streets they were parked on and dates on which they were towed.

Top spot was shared by a Mercedes C-Class and an Audi A6, both of which were hauled away three times in March.

The parking authority said it plans to publish similar lists in future, but that the decision depends on the reaction to Tuesday's one, The Village website reported.

Traffic police had to tow and impound incorrectly parked cars 310 times in March alone, the authority said.

City Hall charges car owners 3,000 rubles (\$85) per tow, and 1,000 rubles for each additional day the vehicle sits in the tow yard's parking lot.

Paid-parking was first introduced in the city center in late 2012 in an attempt to reduce congestion. It was then expanded up to the borders of the Boulevard Ring last June, and widened to the Garden Ring in December.

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