

Employees of Formentera's office of transport announced today that, effective Sunday 1 November, winter hours will be in use at regulated parking spots across la Savina. The pay-to-park system will apply Monday through Saturday mornings from nine a.m. to two p.m., and afternoons, Monday through Friday, four to eight. Parking will be free on Sundays and bank holidays. The winter scheme will remain effective until 1 May.

Beginning Sunday, residents and local businesses with the pay-to-park decal will be able to leave vehicles for up to 3 days in both blue and green zones; in summer this period was just one day. For decal-holders residing in la Savina, the 3-day limit for blue-zone parking is in addition to a 15-day limit.

Positive feedback

Transport councillor Rafael González gave positive reviews of the programme in its first summer: «We met all of our goals; people who wanted to patronise businesses in la Savina – or park and catch the Eivissa ferry – were able to use the new system without any problems. The same for la Savina town residents». Councillor González said that in the first six months of application, the Formentera Council collected 120,000€.

González also reminded residents that drivers without a decal can park at the 110-space lot opposite the Illes Pitiüses park, next to l'Estany des Peix, and that drivers of electric vehicles though not in possession of a decal are always free to park in blue zones.