

CITY OF HARTFORD – PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
PARK RULES & REGULATIONS

1. PARK RESERVATIONS

Reserved dates for Park/Facility will be accepted at the Recreation Office from January 15<sup>th</sup> of the current year to a minimum of 2 weeks prior to desired date. Completed reservation form and all required administrative processing fees must be received in the Recreation Office to confirm the reservation. Groups over 275 are required to reserve the entire park at Woodlawn and Willowbrook. Anytime a reservation party desires the rental of all shelters for its scheduled activity, it will be considered an entire park/shelter rental with these fees being applied as noted in the fee schedule.

2. PARK USE HOURS

All City Parks are open from 6 AM to 11 PM. Reservations can begin at 8 AM. Restroom facilities and playground equipment, volleyball courts and other park amenities are open to the public at all times when groups rent shelters.

3. EMERGENCY NUMBER

If the rented park shelter is not open by your scheduled time as written on the park reservation form, please call the police department, 673-2600. They will attempt to reach a Park and Recreation Staff member.

4. SPECIAL REQUESTS

Requests for campfires, public and church assemblies, posting signs, vehicle parking within park, use of mechanical equipment and pony rides must be made on the park reservation form. The Recreation Department can grant these requests.

5. CITY PERMIT / LICENSE

A City Permit / License must be obtained for the following: Picnic License is required to sell intoxicating beverages. Carnivals / Circus License is required as outlined in Municipal Ordinance 32.01. Application must be made out to the City Clerk's Office with three weeks advance notice, as Council action is required.

6. CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

Proof of Liability Insurance is required for mechanical equipment / devices, rides and ponies, holding the City of Hartford harmless in case of an accident and must be on file with the Recreation Office thirty days prior to the reserved date.

7. DAMAGE TO PARK PROPERTY / SECURITY FEE DEPOSIT

Damage to park plant life, facilities, structures, equipment, wildlife habitat, fence or any other park artifact will be charged to the individual who assures responsibility for park use by signing the reservation form. Damage costs will be deducted from the deposit with possible additional charges. Refunds will be mailed to you approximately 2-4 weeks after the event, providing no damage has resulted.

8. CLEAN UP

Rental party is responsible for returning the shelter to the proper order / cleanliness including clean up of trash on tables and grounds. Maintenance charges will be retained from deposits if not completed.

9. ALCOHOL BEVERAGES

Alcohol beverages are allowed in City Parks as long as they are not being sold. Alcohol beverages cannot be sold unless a Picnic License has been obtained and then must be served in plastic or paper cups, municipal ordinance 41.10.

10. TENTS / STRUCTURES / EQUIPMENT

Tent locations must be approved with the Parks and Recreation office at the time of your reservation. Staking of tents requires a diggers hotline locate (renting party is responsible).

- Tent Sizes
  - Tent sizes must be listed on the rental form. Any tent greater than 800 square feet will require an on site visit with Park staff to approve size and location.
  - Open space areas available within the parks for large tents are limited (i.e. 60' x 120'). Tents of that size which impact the majority of park area and infringe upon another rental site will be subject to renting the entire park if it is available.
- Tents are to remain a minimum of 5' clear of fixed shelters, structures, park equipment, utility service boxes, trees / shrubs.
- Set Up / Take Down
  - All set-up / takedowns are to be done on the day of your reservation to avoid conflicts with other park activities / uses preceding or following your rental activity.
  - Request to place tents earlier than the scheduled date will be based upon previously scheduled park rental activities. If no rentals are in conflict, the requesting party can put up the tent early, however they are subject to increased rental fees for the event.
  - Tents put up on weekdays before or after the event will pay \$50 per day.
  - Groups that know they intend to leave a tent up from a Saturday event through Sunday must pay for 2 days rental cost for the rental site reserved, plus any weekday costs if applicable.
  - Groups failing to remove the tents that later infringe upon next day rentals, will be subject to fines equal to the cost of all the rental groups infringed upon and forfeit their deposit fee.

#### 11. VEHICLE PARKING

Parking areas are available adjacent to all parks. Parking in the park is allowed only during loading / unloading time. Vehicles are required to stay on park roads. Vehicles parking in the park without a permit will be ticketed. Parking by authorized handicapped person displaying the "Disabled" license plate or auto sign is allowed in designated areas.

#### 12. FIRES

Permission for campfire in the council ring at Woodlawn Park or the fireplace at Independence Park must be requested on the park reservation form. All cooking fires must be made in park grills or self provided charcoal burners. Participants are responsible for extinguishing burning coals prior to leaving the park.

#### 13. SPEAKER VOLUME

The volume of radios, address systems, etc, must be kept at a moderate level in consideration of other park users.

#### 14. THE FOLLOWING IS PROHIBITED IN CITY PARKS

Pets, fireworks, peddling/soliciting, gambling, littering, motorized recreation vehicles, motorboats, interference with City employees, ground fires, drugs. DISORDERLY CONDUCT – no person shall use profane, indecent obscene language or engage in abusive or obscene conduct. Note: Limited dog activity is permitted at Centennial and Independence Park as outlined in Municipal Ordinance Chapter 8.

#### 15. DIGGERS HOTLINE

If a tent is to be erected or any type of stake driven into the ground, Digger's Hotline must be called by the renter as to locate underground services. The facility renter is responsible for any damage and repair costs should they occur.

#### 16. RECYCLE WASTE

Please follow recycling rules posted in City Parks and utilize recycle containers and trash containers provided. Help us keep the Parks clean.

### NOTICE

All City Parks have buried electrical wires, gas, water and/or sewer. For your safety and the safety of you group, if you are intending to drive a stake or anything into the ground, be sure to call diggers hot lines listed below at least 72 hours (3 working days) in advance to mark areas where lines are buried.

The City of Hartford cannot be responsible for you or your group's safety if areas are not marked and someone from your group drives a stake or object into the ground cutting off service. In fact, you will be held liable for costs to restore service.

Your help will be appreciated in being sure that all have safe a memorable park usage in our City.

When you call, be sure to have the following information ready.

1. Your name, address and phone number
2. Location of where work is to be done.
3. Nature of work to be done, i.e. Tent Set Up

The following numbers must be called:

Diggers Hotline	800-242-8511
Cable TV	800-242-3255