



Shelter and Open Space Rules

It is the Parks and Recreation Department's goal to provide citizens with a safe environment in which recreational opportunity can be maximized. Due to the wide variety of patron needs and use of City property, it is necessary to establish the following rules and regulations.

1. **Rental Hours Available: 8:00 a.m. to sunset**, unless otherwise posted or approved Permit. Use of the facility is guaranteed for the **period specified in the permit only**. Event set-up and clean-up must be included in the rental period. Uses that exceed the normal operating hours of the facility may be charged additional fees as specified in the Fees Resolution to include personnel and/or overtime, additional building fees, etc.
2. **Decorations/Clean-up:** Facilities are to be left in the same conditions as before use; floors are to be swept and trash cans are to be emptied and trash must be brought to dumpsters.
 - Only removable adhesive tabs are allowed for securing your decorations. Staples, nails, tape, pushpins, adhesive backed decals, tacks or paint are prohibited. Metallic decoration sprinkles, glitter, confetti, rice, and birdseed are not allowed inside or outside of the shelter facility. All decorations and other items brought into the shelter are to be removed and disposed of properly. Under no circumstances are signs to be nailed, pinned, or stapled to any tree, park sign, facility, and/or along the roadways. Candles are prohibited.
 - Balloons: Helium balloons are allowed provided: they are securely anchored or strung together (e.g., arched); they are removed at the completion of the event; air tanks are properly secured during the event.
3. **Department signs**, forms, and other materials are not to be removed or altered unless authorized by the department representative in charge.
4. **Picnic Tables:** Picnic tables are provided in the shelters. The picnic tables are not to be moved in or out of the shelter.
5. **Vehicles** must be parked in designated parking lot areas. Loading or unloading from vehicles must be done from designated parking lot areas only. Violations will result in a parking ticket.
6. **Electricity:** Parks and Recreation does not guarantee the availability of power due to overloading, malfunctions or vandalism. Tampa Parks and Recreation Department will make every effort to ensure electrical outlets are in proper working order; however, a refund will not be granted due to a non-working electrical outlet or lights.
7. **Alcohol/Illegal Drugs:** The use, sale and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs are prohibited.
8. **Gambling** or games of chance are prohibited.
9. **Commercial Activity:** Admission charge, donations, or the sale of items is prohibited. Commercial groups are not permitted to use facilities to promote their products, business, etc. without written approval upon meeting all criteria.
10. **Amplified music** or sound systems are not permitted without written consent of the Parks and Recreation Department.
11. **Representative:** Applicant agrees to be present on site at all times during the function at the facility, or designate a representative who will be there to serve as a liaison between the facility staff and event goers at all times during the term of the permit. The applicant is responsible for all actions, behavior and/or damages caused by his/her guests/attendees.
12. **Tobacco products** are prohibited inside department facilities.
13. Vending of any item is not permitted without prior written approval from the Parks and Recreation Department.
14. **Fireworks** and/or weapons are prohibited without prior written approval from the City.
15. **Fires** are prohibited except in provided grills for such use and charcoal must be used in lieu of propane or any other method. Fires in grills must be completely extinguished before leaving the park. Grills may be restricted in the event of drought conditions
16. **Grills:** Personal propane and electric grills are permitted in the park; however, personal charcoal/wood burning grills and fryers are not permitted. The use of canned heat (sternos) is permitted for heating chaffing dishes.
17. **Skates:** Skates, skateboards, roller skates, inline skates and similar equipment may be restricted to certain times and locations by Parks and Recreation officials for safety reasons.
18. **Sleeping:** Sleeping or reclining in a horizontal position is specifically prohibited in the following: building, pavilion, rest room, trash receptacle, bench, picnic table, as well as recreational activity areas (such as athletic courts and fields, dug outs, and playgrounds), pedestrian or vehicular traffic ways (such as roads, sidewalks, bike paths, and jogging paths), and landscaped areas (such as flower gardens, hedges, and planters).

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FACILITY USE PERMIT CONDITIONS**

The applicant, individual and/or organization sponsoring the activities or event(s), agrees to all of the items listed hereon. Prior to granting a permit, the applicant must be at least eighteen (18) years of age (twenty-one (21) years of age if alcohol is approved) and provide a government photo ID to verify age. All required fees must be paid in full.

HOLD HARMLESS: By agreeing to these terms, applicants indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City of Tampa, its employees, officers and agents from any and all liability, demands, claims, damages, expenses (including attorneys' fees) proceedings and causes of action of every kind and nature arising out of or connected with the applicant's (i) use, act, omission, injury, accident, occupation or control of the Department managed land or recreational facility (and any improvements thereon including any furniture, furnishings, equipment, or fixtures utilized in connection therewith) subject to the Facility Use Permit; and (ii) any breach of the Facility Use Permit. The applicant further agrees that it will, at its own cost and expense, defend any and all actions, suits, or proceedings which may be brought against the City of Tampa, its employees, officers and agents in connections with said Department managed land and facilities (and any improvements thereon including any furniture, furnishings, equipment, or fixtures utilized in connection therewith) arising from applicant's activities, omissions, accidents, injuries, and damages on said property and will satisfy, pay, and discharge any and all judgments that may be entered against the City of Tampa, its employees, officers and agents in any such proceeding.

MATERIAL MISREPRESENTATION: Any material misrepresentation, as determined by the Parks and Recreation Department (the "Department") whether written or oral, by the applicant on an application or during the application process, where the Department relied on such misrepresentation in granting a permit, shall be grounds for the Department's immediate denial, termination or revocation of such permit and/or deposit, and applicant may be prohibited from obtaining Facility Use Permits for a period of not less than two (2) years. Each misrepresentation shall constitute a separate offense.

APPROVAL/DENIAL: A minimum of ten (10) business days are necessary for the Department to communicate whether an applicant's permit is granted or denied and, if denied, the reason for such denial. The applicant may appeal the denial of a Facility Use Permit to the Department Director within five (5) business days after notification of such denial by filing a written notice. The Department Director shall consider the appeal and provide a decision within five (5) business days from receipt of the written notice of appeal.

REQUIREMENTS: All persons granted a Facility Use Permit to use a Department managed land or facility (and any improvements thereon including any furniture, furnishings, equipment, or fixtures utilized in connection therewith) must agree to abide by all applicable permitting and licensing requirements, and established rules, regulations, laws, and ordinances of local, state, and federal governments and agencies.

HOUSEKEEPING: Upon completion of the event, the facility and adjacent area must be clean, orderly, free of any obstruction or litter, and returned to its original set-up and condition prior to use.

DAMAGES: The applicant is responsible for all activities, and for every participant and their actions, during said use. The applicant is responsible for all costs and expenses associated with or resulting from damages to the Department managed land and facilities (and any improvements thereon including any furniture, furnishings, equipment, or fixtures located thereon). These costs shall include the personnel hours, materials, and equipment required to clean up and/or complete necessary repairs.

TRESPASS: In addition to the penalties set forth in the City of Tampa Code of Ordinances, law enforcement officers are granted the authority to issue trespass warnings in any City park or Department managed land and facilities for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of all applicable Code of Ordinances, a Department rule or regulation, or a Facility Use Permit. Law enforcement officers shall issue a trespass warning of one hundred and eighty (180) days, which is inclusive of all City parks or Department managed land and facilities or arrest the violator for trespassing pursuant to Florida Statutes, Chapter 810, or any amended or successor statute. In the event of an arrest of a minor, authorized law enforcement shall notify the parent or legal guardian and shall maintain a record of all such violations.

CANCELLATION/REFUND: Cancellations and refund requests must be received thirty (30) days prior to scheduled date of use. An applicant seeking a refund shall be required to submit a Refund Request Form provided by the City. Refunds will only be to the person whose name(s) appear(s) on the original receipt and takes approximately 4-6 weeks. A processing fee of \$15.00 (non-taxable) will be assessed for all refunds.

DECLARED EMERGENCY: In the case of a declared state of emergency, the City retains the right to immediately resume occupation, management, and maintenance of the facility, to use the facility to meet any emergency needs of the citizens of the City of Tampa for the period of that emergency and a reasonable period of time thereafter as deemed necessary by the City.

INSURANCE: Individuals, groups, or organizations utilizing Department managed lands or facilities for activities that require insurance must provide insurance from companies authorized to do business in Florida, with an A.M. Best rating of B+ VII or higher (or otherwise be acceptable to the city). All liability policies shall name City of Tampa as an additional insured as to the operations of the applicant, shall provide the Severability of Interest Provision, and the waiver of subrogation endorsement in favor of the city. The applicant shall provide proof of a Commercial General Liability insurance policy on the most current Insurance Services Office (ISO) form, (or its equivalent), with an amount of no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and a \$2,000,000 general aggregate covering bodily injury and property damage. The insurance coverage and limits required must be evidenced by a properly executed Accord 25 Certificate of Insurance form (or its equivalent). Thirty (30) day written notice must be given to the city of any cancellation or reduction in the policy coverage. The applicant's insurance coverage required herein is to be primary to any insurance carried by the city or any self insurance program thereof. The City reserves the right to adjust insurance requirements based on the scope of service of the permit.

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19. **Trespass:** Any person or group found in violation of the above rules and regulations shall be ordered to leave all City of Tampa parks, beaches and recreation facilities for a minimum 24-hour period. Any person who fails to leave all facilities, parks or beach at the time requested may be arrested and prosecuted for trespassing or prosecuted under other existing ordinances.
20. **Interference with Authorized Activities:** No person or group shall interfere with any recreational activities or event authorized by the City's Parks and Recreation Department.
21. No person shall remain in any park or facility after the park or facility is closed, except in an area specifically designated by the City as an area where persons may remain after the park or facility is closed to the public.
22. Any section or part of any park or facility may be declared closed to the public at any time or limited to certain users or times as public interest demands or safety and security indicates.
23. **Structure Requiring Installation:** The department representative must approve structures that require installation of poles, wires, wood supports, stakes, etc.
24. Inflatable, dunk tanks, mobile gaming units, are prohibited without approved permit for greenspace.
25. **Bounce Houses/Inflatable:** The maximum space for a bounce house is 20ftx20ftx17ftH and additional fees apply. One (1) inflatable is permitted per shelter rental. Water inflatables and wading pools are prohibited in city parks. Vendors are prohibited from staking into the ground and using park electricity for their equipment. Vendors must provide a generator when setting up bounce house/inflatable in a City park. No refunds will be granted due to the absence of electricity. Vendors must provide the City of Tampa a copy of their business license and a valid insurance certificate with General Commercial Liability in the amount of \$1 mill per occurrence, naming the City of Tampa as additional insured.
26. **Lost and Found:** The City of Tampa, Parks and Recreation Department is not responsible for any lost or stolen items or items left unattended or forgotten.
27. **Special Events:** Various special events may be approved at a facility in or around shelter areas resulting in increased crowds and traffic. The City of Tampa, Parks and Recreation Department is not responsible for any impact the increased vehicle and pedestrian traffic might have on your event.
28. **Pool and beach access** is not guaranteed when renting a shelter. Beach water quality is monitored by the Florida Department of Health and may be deemed off limits to swimming. Refunds will not be given due to the unavailability of a pool or beach water access.
29. The City of Tampa, Parks and Recreation Department will not be responsible for providing or supervising any equipment including but not limited to, cooking equipment, storage, sound reproduction or amplification equipment, stages, platforms, special lighting, film projecting apparatus, power extension cords, or any other type of equipment. The department representative in charge may disallow the use of equipment for safety reasons or to ensure department policy is followed.
30. **Inclement Weather:** If inclement weather prevents the use of the shelter you may reschedule your event or request a refund with proper notification. To reschedule your event or request a refund due to a rain-out:
 - The first business day after your rental, call and notify the Special Events Office.
 - Applicants must mail or present a copy of your Facility Use permit and the original white receipt to the Special Events Office.
 - A \$15 processing fee will be assessed for all refunds. Refunds will be reimbursed to the credit card. If payment was made by cash or check, a refund check will be mailed to the address of the person/organization paying the rental/damage deposit fee. Issuance of refund checks takes approximately 4-6 weeks.
 - Refunds will only be given to the original applicant listed on the Facility Use Permit.
 - Once a shelter is occupied, there are no refunds due to rain or bad weather.
 - All rescheduled events are subject to availability.
31. **Rescheduling:** If you need to modify an existing reservation (change the time, date, etc.), it must be done at least **seven (7) days** prior to the scheduled use. All modifications are subject to availability.
 - Modifying event times may be done over the phone by calling or visiting the Special Events Office. Applicants must bring the facility use permit with them to make any changes.
32. **Cancellations:** A \$15 processing fee will be charged for all cancellations/refunds.

If you encounter problems at the shelter, please locate the Park Attendant or call the Security Office at (813) 931-2168. Should you get the recorder, please state the name of the park, shelter number, the nature of the incident, your name and phone number. The line is checked every hour and someone will assist you.

If you have an emergency, please call 9-1-1.

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