

Town of West Springfield
Park and Playground Rules and Regulations

All public parks and playgrounds shall be closed between dusk and dawn, unless otherwise posted. For the purposes of these rules and regulations dusk ends one-half (1/2) hour after sunset and dawn begins one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise.

No person is permitted in a park or playground between dusk and dawn unless otherwise authorized as set forth in these rules and regulations.

Any unauthorized motor vehicle in any park or playground between dusk and dawn shall be towed at the owner's expense.

The following are not permitted activities in all public parks and playgrounds:

To damage, injure, deface, or destroy any property, including but not limited to any tree, shrub, plant, rock, building, cage, pen, monument, lawn, fence, bench, or artifact.

To litter, deposit trash or debris or any other materials, except within containers provided therefore.

To remove any bench or any other municipal property from the premises.

To operate or drive any motor vehicle (including, but not limited to: automobile, truck, motorcycle, motorbike, mini-bike, snowmobile, ATV, go-cart, 4 wheel drive vehicle) upon any part of the park or parkway except paved roads, and designated parking areas.

To start fires, except in fireplaces provided by the Town for use by the public. In times of dry weather, a total ban on the use of fire shall be indicated by the posting of notices at appropriate locations.

To allow a dog in any park or playground unless the person having control of a dog, has it on a leash. No person shall allow his or her dog on play areas, playfields, tennis courts, swimming pools, wading pools or any structure under any circumstances. All persons in control of a dog are responsible for removal of dog feces.

To fish or hunt on any park property, except at such places and times as shall be authorized by the laws of the Commonwealth and the Director of Parks and Recreation, and then only if duly licensed.

To operate commercial vehicles in any parks and playgrounds, except as authorized by permit issued by the Mayor or his/her designee.

To operate a motor vehicle in excess of 15mph on any park road and parking areas.

To erect or maintain a tent, shelter, camp, lodge, or other structure in any park or playground without the prior written consent of the Mayor or his/her designee.

To disobey any legal request or order of the Police, or any agent or employee of the Town of West Springfield.

To use or possess a firearm, explosive device, bow and arrow, blowgun, sling shot, B.B. gun, paintball gun, pellet gun, spear or trap or any other such device.

To possess and consume alcohol unless permitted in accordance with a permit issued by the Mayor or his/her designee and a Special License to serve beer and/or wine issued by the License Commission.

This is a partial listing of the Park Rules. A complete list is available on line a www.west-springfield.ma.us.

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"Let us ALL work together to help keep our parks and playgrounds safe and fun for everyone! ."



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Join our Park Watch Program!

What is Park Watch?

Park Watch program is a partnership between the Park and Recreation Department, the Police Department and town residents in an effort to help prevent crime and vandalism to our playgrounds and park equipment, to alleviate suspicious activity in our parks, and to promote community involvement. Park Watch provides residents guidelines to follow when reporting suspicious activity, helping us to keep our parks and playgrounds safe and enjoyable year around. We invite you to join our new Park Watch program!



What can you do?

While visiting any of our parks and playgrounds, residents are asked to be on the alert for all incidents of vandalism, unruliness and other obvious wrongful activities including,

- Misuse of playground equipment
- ATV or 4X4 vehicles on park property
- Defacement of park property
- Broken and unsafe equipment
- Alcohol or substance abuse in the park
- Unauthorized fires
- Fighting or harassment
- Destruction of natural resources
- Littering or garbage dumping
- Violation of park closing hours

If you see any broken equipment, vandalized facilities, or suspicious activity contact the following:

For suspicious activities or unlawful activities call:

West Springfield Police Department

Emergency: 911

**Non-emergency 24 hr. number:
(413) 263-3210 - 0**

For reporting vandalism or unsafe equipment call:

West Springfield Park & Recreation Department (8:00 a.m to 4:30 p.m, Monday-Friday)

(413) 263-3284

Email: parkandrec@west-springfield.ma.us

Be cautious!

If you do observe someone breaking park rules, committing a crime, or engaging in other illegal activities, **DO NOT** attempt to take action yourself. This is the job for proper authorities. You should note the location of the incident, describe those involved, if possible snap a photo with camera or cell phone, record license plate number of a suspicious vehicle and report the incident. Please remember, **DO NOT** take matters into your own hands!

Benefits of the Park Watch Program!

- Prevents incidents of vandalism, crime, and misuse of park property.
- Reduces repair and restoration cost for equipment and facilities.
- Helps make our parks a safe haven for children and adults to play and learn.
- Creates community pride as everyone works together to ensure safe, clean and enjoyable parks.
- Teaches children to be observant and responsible park patrons.
- Brings awareness to activities taking place in our parks and playgrounds.

Please report all suspicious activities!

Emergency: 911

**Suspicious Activities: Police Dept.
(413) 263-3210-0**

Vandalism/Non-Emergency: Park and Recreation Department: 263-3284