

EAST MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP PARK RULES & REGULATIONS

Please observe the following rules and regulations as authorized by Ordinance No. 2026-4 when using East Manchester Township Parks

Please keep your park safe and clean by following these rules:

1. East Manchester Township (“Township”) parks will operate from dawn to dusk (“operating hours”).
2. There shall be no trespassing on park property during non-operating hours.
3. The Township Manager, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, the Chief of Police, or the Public Works Director may close the park(s) if hazardous conditions exist that endanger life or property. There shall be no trespassing on park property during such times.
4. Littering is prohibited. Refuse or trash shall be placed in proper receptacles, where they are provided. Where receptacles are not provided, all such rubbish or waste shall be removed from the park by the person responsible for its presence and shall be properly disposed of elsewhere.
5. Vandalism and negligent or deliberate destruction or removal of natural or physical property is prohibited.
6. Open fires and charcoal grills are prohibited at Township parks. Gas grills are permitted exclusively within the location of a pavilion.
7. Picnic tables are not to be removed from the picnic shelters.
8. The solicitation, selling, or the distribution of any items or services unrelated to Township sponsored activities is prohibited.
9. Posting signs of any kind is prohibited without prior approval from the Public Works Director.
10. Possession, use, or distribution of alcoholic beverages, and/or controlled substances is prohibited.
11. Use of explosives or explosive devices, fireworks, sparklers, hot air balloons, rockets, guns, remote-controlled airplanes or vehicles, firearms, air guns, bows, slingshots or any similar items for non-Park and Recreation sponsored events is prohibited.
12. Threatening, injuring or killing wild or domestic animals is prohibited.
13. Pets and service animals contained in a carrier or on a leash are permitted at Township parks. Owners/caretakers of such pets/service animals shall control the animals at all times.
14. The owner or person in charge of any pet/service animal which defecates in any park shall, immediately following such act of defecation, properly wrap, package, and remove said animal's feces to prevent unsightly disposal or smell or interference with the public health and welfare. The owner or person in charge may deposit the waste in any public waste receptacle or in a garbage receptacle on the premises which is owned or rented by the owner or person in charge of the animal.

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15. Use of amplification devices and microphones is prohibited unless the activity is expressly sponsored by the Township.
16. Motorized vehicles are prohibited outside designated parking and driving areas, unless expressly authorized by the Township.
17. Recreational vehicles such as snowmobiles, minibikes, four-wheelers, electric bicycles/scooters, and similar motorized vehicles are prohibited.
18. Facilities and equipment shall be used only for the purpose intended.
19. Use of electrical outlets is restricted only for Township equipment or Township sponsored events.
20. Skateboarding, in-line skating, and bicycling are prohibited in all picnic shelters.
21. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in any abusive, loud, vulgar, or otherwise disorderly conduct.
22. Parking areas are for park users only. All vehicles shall be parked within the designated spaces provided.
23. Tents, canopies, or any other similar structures are prohibited, unless used for a Township-sponsored event.
24. Posting any sign, placard, advertisement, or inscription on any tree, building, fence, playground equipment, or other property in a park is prohibited.
25. Smoking is prohibited on any and all park property.
26. Permits for the use of parks for events such as community yard sales, food truck events, or any event that could attract a large crowd benefiting from sales shall be issued by the Township Manager. Applications for such permits shall be submitted on a form available from the Township at least two (2) business days before the applicant's intended use date. An application fee shall be as set forth in the Township Schedule of Fees, as adopted and amended from time to time by the Board of Supervisors. A permit is not required for the general, non-commercial use of any park or park space.
27. Any person to whom a permit is issued for use of a park or park space shall be liable for any loss, damage, or injury sustained by any person by reason of the negligence or fault of the applicant, their servants, agents, or employees. Further regulations and restrictions on usage may be imposed by the Township Manager at any period.
28. Any deviation or special approval outside the scope of these regulations shall obtain approval from the Recreation Board, however, such approval shall not supersede other ordinance requirements (Zoning, SALDO, etc.). The Recreation Board, after approval, shall provide Township staff with notification and details of such approval.