



Frequently Asked Questions

(updated March 2016)

Q: What is expected of the adopters? How often are we expected to mow and clean?

A:

- 1) Keep the park clean and free of debris every week. (See below for trash pick up information.)
- 2) Mow the grass at least once every 10-14 days so it doesn't get taller than 6 inches.
- 3) Trim grass or remove weeds around or under park edges, fences, paths, trees, and equipment.

Q: Will GSD pick up the trash we collect?

A: Yes, but you must call (313) 224-5555 to let us know to make a pick up. Please neatly bag all debris you collect from the ground or in garbage cans and put it in one pile on the curb of the park in an accessible area.

Q: What if I have a large amount of yard waste or debris and a way to transport it?

A: You may drop off trash, bulk waste, and compostable materials collected from your park at one of the City's four drop off sites. You must present a government-issued photo ID that shows you are a resident of Detroit or inform the drop off supervisor that you are with the Adopt a Park program. ***Note these locations are closed on Mondays.***

Locations:

- Southfield Yard: 12255 Southfield, between Plymouth and 96
- Davison Yard: 8221 W. Davison, between Livernois and Wyoming
- Anton Yard: 5840 Anton, between Calvert and Campbell
- State Fair Yard: 19715 John R, between State Fair and 7 Mile

Q: When will park maintenance be monitored?

A: Parks will be inspected every other Monday throughout the summer, starting on May 16 and ending on September 26. The inspection schedule is below.

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| May 16* | June 1 | July 11 | August 8 | September 12*** |
| | June 13 | July 25 | August 22 | September 26 |
| | June 27** | | | |

* May 16 – parks will need to be cleaned again before the Memorial Day weekend

** June 27 – parks will need to be cleaned again before the 4th of July weekend

*** August 22 – parks will need to be cleaned before the Labor Day weekend

Q: How will the parks be graded?

A: Each park will be assessed on each of the three commitments: cleaning, cutting, and trimming. A score of 3 is "excellent"; 2 is "adequate"; and 1 "needs improvement".

Scores will be posted online after the first inspection period at <https://data.detroitmi.gov>.

Q: What tools and assistance are available to maintain my adopted park?

A: The City of Detroit General Services Department may be able to provide tools like gloves, rakes, brooms, shovels and trash bags for any special cleanups. Please contact Ernestine Smith at (313) 350-4435.

Q: Can you recommend a landscaper I could hire?

A: The City of Detroit does not typically endorse the services of companies. However, we have a number of landscapers who are partners in the Adopt a Park Program who may be able to work with you:

Brilar LLC

13200 Northend Ave., Oak Park, MI 48237
Attention: Larry Yaffa
(248) 547-6439

Payne Landscaping

15777 Harper Detroit, MI 48224
Attention: Terry Payne
(313) 215-2074

J.E. Jordan Landscaping

19415 W. McNichols, Suite V, Detroit, MI 48219
Attention: Jamie Jordan
(248) 773-2622

WH Canon

36700 Northline Rd, Romulus, MI 48174
Attention: Andrea Canon
(734) 941-3900

Motor City Grounds Crew

1420 Washington Blvd., Detroit, MI 48226
Attention: Aaron Smith
(313) 757-2672

Q: How do I host events or a sports league in the park?

A: All events and athletic uses must be pre-approved by the Recreation Department. Please contact them A.S.A.P. as depending on the nature of your event, you may need to get special permits that take several weeks to obtain. As an Adopt a Park Partner, you may be eligible for waived fees. Make sure to mention you're a partner on the forms! Please refer to the forms in the partner packet for setting up events or registering for athletic field use and **contact Lynn Shaw at (313) 224-1907, Ishaw@detroitmi.gov or Tracey Lawrence-Thomas at (313) 628-0967, TLawrenc@detroitmi.gov.**

Q: How do I make an improvement to the park?

A: All improvements must be approved by the Recreation Department. Please refer to the form in the partner packet for making improvements and **submit it to Tim Karl at TKarl@detroitmi.gov or call (313) 224-3484.**

Q: What should we do if we see illegal dumping, find objects too hard to move or need help with any problems?

A: For any additional issues or concerns, please contact Marcella Davis, General Services Department Park Coordinator, at (313) 224-5555.