



Frequently Asked Questions (updated April, 2018)

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 does not get taller than 6 inches.
 - 3) Trim grass and/or remove weeds around and/or under or along 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. Place, separated piles of trash, tree debris, and tree limbs 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: (1) If you are a Detroit resident, you may drop off trash, bulk waste, and compostable materials collected from your park at one of the City's drop off sites. You must present a government-issued photo ID that shows you are a resident of Detroit. ***Note all locations are closed 2:30pm to 3:30pm for lunch.***

Locations:

Southfield Yard: 12255 Southfield, between Plymouth and I-96
Monday thru Saturday, 10:30am to 6:00pm, **closed 2:30pm to 3:30pm for lunch.**

Davison Yard: 8221 W. Davison, between Livernois and Wyoming
Tuesday thru Saturday, 10:30am to 6:00pm, **closed 2:30pm to 3:30pm for lunch.**

NOTE: If you find you have hazardous waste in the park – Paint cans, aerosol cans, etc. – these items can be taken to the Detroit Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Facility located 2000 East Ferry Street, between Russell and St. Aubin Streets. Hours are Thursdays 7:30am to 2:00pm and the 4th Saturday of each month 8:00am to 2:00pm. If you need more information call 313-923-2240. Remember, you must show Detroit ID.

(2) If you are not a Detroit resident, stack debris at curb in neat piles, call Marcella Davis at 313-224-5555 for a pick-up.

Q: When will park maintenance be monitored?

A: The 2018 Adopt-A-Park season will run from April 30 thru September 30. Parks will be inspected every other Monday throughout the summer, starting on May 14 and ending on October 1. The inspection schedule is below.

May 14	June 11	July 9	August 6	September 4***	October 1
May 29*	June 25**	July 23	August 20	September 17	

* May 29 – parks will need to be cleaned before and after the Memorial Day weekend

** June 25 – parks will need to be cleaned before and after the 4th of July weekend

*** September 4 – parks will need to be cleaned before and after 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”.

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 or Kim Murphy
(313) 885-6770 x12 or x10

J. E. Jordan Landscaping
19415 W. McNichols, Suite V, Detroit, MI 48219
Attention: Jamie Jordan or Erica 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.; 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, contact **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 (Park Improvement Authorization Form along with the Gift Letter of Request) in the partner packet for making improvements and **submit it to: Juliana Fulton at FultonJ@detroitmi.gov or by calling (313) 628-2365.**

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.