



Together Again PHASE 4

PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS

Park Maintenance

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During the COVID-19 health crisis, the Downers Grove Park District has continued serving the community while remaining fiscally responsible by reducing expenses and managing resources including a reduction in staffing. With reduced manpower, our priorities for parks and playgrounds have focused exclusively on keeping parks available to the public by mowing our open spaces, managing weed control, addressing safety concerns and maintaining COVID-19-related signage.

In Phase 4, our priorities for park maintenance will remain at this level. This reduced standard of care in our parks may not be ideal, however, we are committed to maintaining the parks at a level that will provide safe and enjoyable recreation opportunities for the community. Please note, playground structures will not be disinfected. To report safety or maintenance concerns to the Park District, please call our Parks Hotline at 630.929.3136 or email us at info@dgparks.org.

Park & Playground Guidelines

Outdoor recreation guidelines provided by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) for Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois Plan and CDC recommendations are listed below.

Visitors should adhere to minimum guidelines during their visit to our parks:

- Maintain social distance of 6 feet from individuals outside of your household
- Group sizes should be limited to 50 individuals
- 30 feet of distance should be maintained between groups of 50
- Wear a face covering if social distancing is not possible
- Sanitize surfaces such as picnic tables and park benches before and after use
- Please take your trash home with you if possible
- Wash hands often or use hand sanitizer
- Stay home if you are sick or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms

OPEN (with social distancing)

- Playground structures
- Tennis and pickleball courts (avoid handshakes)
- Basketball courts
- Volleyball courts
- Disc golf
- Game areas such as horseshoes and bags
- Walking paths and trails
- Fishing
- Picnic pavilions, picnic tables and benches
- Athletic fields for open play (permit is required for organized groups)
- Outdoor restrooms at Whitlock Park, Doerhoefer Park, Gilbert Park and McCollum Park (cleaned twice daily)

CLOSED

- Drinking fountains
- Restrooms at Fishel Park, Hummer Park and Lyman Woods

ATHLETIC FIELD INFO

- Organized groups must obtain a permit. Get more info at dgparks.org.
- Ball fields and soccer fields will not be groomed for play by the Park District.
- Soccer nets will be available only where fields have been reserved by groups.

Information is subject to change as additional guidelines become available from state-wide agencies providing safety guidance regarding Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois Plan.