

City of Framingham Parks & Recreation Department

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CITY BEACH RULES & REGULATIONS

HOURS OF OPERATION: In accordance with MA Department of Public Health Standards, beach water will be tested from Memorial Day – Labor Day.

Testing results can be found at https://www.framinghamma.gov/3479/2022-Bathing-Beach-Water-Quality-Laborat Parks & Recreation Staff will be on duty from mid-June through mid-August as schedules permit.

When beaches are open, but lifeguards are not on duty, user assumes all responsibility.

- RESIDENTS ONLY: Beach use is for FRAMINGHAM RESIDENTS ONLY.
 - A resident ID showing a Framingham address will be required for admittance.
 - One Resident ID required per family unit (max. 6 immediate family members per family unit) and all must be present upon arrival at the beach.
 - o Every family member must sign a waiver prior to entering the beach.
- YOUTH: ALL YOUTH under 15 years must be accompanied by an adult over 21 years. All children who are not toilet trained MUST wear SWIM DIAPERS.
- MASKS / FACE COVERING & SOCIAL DISTANCING: Masks and Social Distancing practices are not mandatory; however, they are strongly encouraged in common areas like parking lots, bathrooms, and walkways.
- **GROUPS:** The City requires groups of 10 or more people to apply for a group permit in order to use the beach.
- ALOCHOL: No alcoholic beverages allowed on City Property.
- TRASH: Please use a Carry-in/Carry-Out Policy at all times. Barrels are provided for small items only and fill quickly.
- **SMOKING:** Smoking or vaping is not allowed on beach or in bathhouse.
- **FISHING:** Fishing (nets included) is not permitted.
- BOATING: Beach area and docks may not be used as a launching / unloading area for any boat / vessel.
- DOCKS: Docks are for Lifeguard Use Only. Please do not swim under, or hang off of the docks.
- **SWIM AREA:** Swim in designated area only. No diving or head entry into the water. No swimming in areas designated as non-swimming.
- NON-SWIMMERS: Non-swimmers of all ages must remain in areas where they can stand and may be asked to perform, and pass, a swim test prior to being allowed in the deep end.
- **FLOTATION DEVICES:** Use of any flotation aides or swimming devices (including, but not limited to, PFD's, masks, fins, snorkels, floats, water wings, etc.) is **strictly forbidden**.
- RESTROOMS: Restrooms are only open during staffed hours. Restrooms are designated for 1 user at a time. Please help keep our water clean and use the facilities when needed.
- BATHING ATTIRE: Bathing attire must be worn and is subject to the discretion of the lifeguard. No nudity allowed.
- MUSIC: The use of car stereos is not allowed. Please use personal listening devices.
- PETS: No dogs / pets allowed on beach or in bathhouse.
- **BICYCLES:** Bicycles must be left at the bicycle stands.
- BALLPLAYING: No ball playing of any kind allowed (including but not limited to; Frisbee, KanJam, catch, soccer, etc.)
- <u>PARKING / BEACH AREA:</u> No grilling / cookouts, loitering, tailgating or open fires allowed. Parking Lot Gates will remain closed and locked when Parks & Recreation Staff are not present.
- Please BE KIND to staff at the beach. They do not set the policies and are here for your safety.
- Continued abuse by an individual, or group, will result in loss of beach privileges.
- The City of Framingham will not be responsible for any articles lost, damaged, or stolen.
- For more information and a full list of programs, rules and policies, please visit www.framinghamrec.com