

WEST BLOOMFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION
4640 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield, Michigan 48323 (248) 451-1900
Rules and Regulations for a Safe and Enjoyable Experience

At the West Bloomfield Off Leash Dog Area

1. All OLDA permit holders must abide by these Off Leash Dog Area (OLDA) rules and regulation and follow West Bloomfield Township ordinances at all times.
2. West Bloomfield Township and/or the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Commission (WBPRC) are not responsible for the condition of the OLDA facilities or equipment at any time, resulting from dogs, permit holders and unauthorized guests.
3. Permits are revocable at the sole and absolute discretion of the WBPRC and/or the WBPRC staff. Permits are not transferable.
4. Permit holders are legally responsible for their dogs and any injuries caused by their dogs.
5. Adults ages 18 and older are entitled to apply for a permit. Permit applicants must submit proof of age with their application.
6. Permit applicants must show a current Oakland County Dog License and proof of up-to-date vaccinations including bordatella for each dog to be registered under the permit. Dogs using the OLDA must wear their current Oakland County Dog License.
7. Use of the OLDA is at the permit holder's own risk.
8. Permit holders must clean up their dog's waste and deposit it in the receptacles provided.
9. Permit holders may bring the number of dogs into the OLDA that they can adequately control without endangering other users of the OLDA, with a maximum of three (3) dogs. If complaints are received about an individual that can not control their dog(s), it is possible, after review of complaints by an authorized employee of West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation; the permit holder will only be allowed to bring one dog at a time.
10. Permit holders must stay in the OLDA with their dogs at all times. If you need to leave the confines of the OLDA for any reason you must take your dog(s) with you.
11. Only the permit holder or those persons living at the same address and listed on the permit will be allowed to bring registered dog(s) into the OLDA.
12. An act of aggression, either verbal or physical, by a permit holder towards another permit holder at the park or to another permit holder's dog will not be tolerated. A representative of the West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation Commission will immediately put into action an investigation with regards to the complaint. This will not only involve talking to the permit holder about which the complaint was made, but also to any witnesses to the incident. After an investigation that is deemed satisfactory by the authorized employee of West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation is concluded, all findings will be reviewed with the permit holder about which the original complaint was made, and then a decision will be given with regards to the situation, up to and including permanent revocation of an OLDA permit.
13. Children under the age of 5 are not permitted in the OLDA. Children between the ages of 5 and 17 are permitted in the OLDA if they are under adult supervision of a permit holder. Permit holders may only bring the number of children to the OLDA that they can adequately supervise along with the dogs. No one under 18 may be left in the Off Leash Dog Park without supervision of the adult permit holder. Children must remain with an adult permit holder at all times. While in the OLDA there will be no running, ball playing or Frisbee use or any of the like by children between the ages of 5 and 17.
14. The following are not permitted in the OLDA: dogs in heat; dogs under the age of four months; dogs with contagious diseases or internal or external parasites; aggressive dogs; dogs that are not registered under a permit or whose license or any vaccination has expired; or dogs that have been identified as dangerous by the Township or court of law.

15. Dogs exhibiting aggressive behavior or barking excessively must be removed from the OLDA at the first sign of this behavior. Examples of aggressive behavior are, but are not limited to: a dog going after another dog unprovoked, a dog that bites another dog or human being, or a dog that picks up another dog in its mouth. If a dog should bite another dog or human at the park the offending dog will be removed from the owners permit and that dog will no longer be allowed in the Off Leash Dog Area.
16. No fighting between dogs is allowed. Permit holders must immediately remove any dog exhibiting hostile, fighting, or aggressive behavior from the OLDA. Permit holders may protect dogs for which they are responsible, but shall do so only after first protecting any people in the OLDA, and then only by causing or encouraging disengagement and separation of dogs engaged in fighting or aggressive behavior. Permit holders bear all risks of their involvement and for the protection of any user of the OLDA. The Charter Township of West Bloomfield and/or the West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Commission have no responsibility to intervene in any such situation, and are not responsible for the behavior or suitability of any dog brought to the OLDA.
17. Tennis balls and other toys are allowed. However, please use caution when using toys to play with your dog. Dominance issues may arise which could cause your pet to become unusually aggressive and bite someone or another dog. Only permit holder should be actively involved in playing with the dog.
18. Pinch collars, spike collars or shock collars are not permitted in the OLDA.
19. All dogs must be off leash while inside of the Off Leash Dog Area.
20. Leashes must be either leather or nylon and no longer than 6ft. Leashes must be with the permit holders at all times. Retractable leashes are not allowed. Muzzles are not allowed while in the Off Leash Dog Area
21. "People food", alcoholic beverages, and glass containers are not permitted in the OLDA. Pet food must not be left unattended or accessible to dogs other than those of the permit holder.

In the event that any of the above rules are violated by a permit holder or a complaint is made by a permit holder, or an infraction or violation is witnessed by a representative of Parks and Recreation against an individual or their dog, immediate action shall take place as follows: Exception to this is rule 15

First Offense

- After review of the complaint, which will include talking to any witnesses to the event leading up to the complaint, permit holder may receive a documented verbal warning from West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation.
- This verbal warning will be reviewed with the permit holder by an authorized representative of West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation.
- A notation of the verbal warning will then be put in the file of the permit holder about which the complaint was made.

Second Offense

- After review of the complaint by an authorized employee of West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation, the permit holder may receive a written warning which could include suspension from the OLDA for 30 days from date of infraction.
- This written warning and all prior complaints will be reviewed with the permit holder by an authorized employee of West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation.
- Written warning will then be put in the file of the permit holder about which the complaint was made.

Third Offense

- After notification of the third offense the permit holder will be immediately suspended pending an investigation.
- An authorized employee of West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation will immediately notify the permit holder of the complaint, and an investigation will immediately commence.
- All prior complaints will be reviewed with the permit holder.
- Depending on the findings, the permit holder whom the complaint was made may have their permit permanently revoked.

*Depending on the severity of the incident, West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation reserves the right to immediately revoke permits of all parties involved. If you should have to file any complaints please call 248-451-1900.