



How to Hold a Park Care Event During COVID-19

Park Activation Toolkit

For Community Powered Parks

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The COVID-19 pandemic does not need to stop you from caring for parks, but certain precautions should be taken to keep everyone as safe as possible.

- **Is this event necessary:** Keeping parks active and serving their communities during COVID-19 is important, but the trade-offs are important to evaluate. Before holding the event, be sure that it is something that will help the community to be more resilient right now during the pandemic.
- **Events are Limited to 12 People:** The City is supporting volunteer workdays with no more than twelve people, but events with six or less are preferred.
- **Require - and provide - masks:** Be clear in the event promotion that masks are required, and then make masks available should a participant need one.
- **Require - and promote - social distancing:** Be clear when marketing the event that social distancing between pods is required, and please do not share tools outside your pod. Plan activities so that it is easy for people/pods to socially distance. For example, hold the event outdoors, keep all group announcements short, form a line to make sure no one crowds the sign-in table or food table by putting spots on the ground that show where to wait in line with social distance. Limit activities to those that don't require people to work in close proximity.
- **Keep surfaces, items, and hands clean:** Have a way to: provide hand sanitizer and gloves; wipe down tables; wipe down or spray tool handles; separate used and unused pens/pencils and clean used pens/pencils.
- **Provide separated food offerings:** Food and handling food packaging are not significant sources of spread of the virus. Nevertheless, reducing shared food handling can help with social distancing. If you are providing food, consider providing individual servings, for example, place a spread of one tangerine or apple or wrapped bar per napkin so people only handle the food they will eat. If serving restaurant food, provide it in individual covered boxes (avoid plastic!). For drinks, avoid plastic bottle waste by using a thermos of drinks and paper cups, but try to have one masked/gloved server, who handles cups with a napkin.
- **Tool Loans:** In order to borrow tools, you must first register as a steward through the City's Adopt-a-Spot program: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/apply-for-adopt-a-spot-online>. Tools are being loaned mostly from 5050 Coliseum Way on Friday mornings. Public Works also has some tools and supplies at Mosswood, Arroyo and Dimond Parks.

- Oakland Public Works will supply gloves when you pick up or they deliver the tools you need for a park care event if you indicate so on the tool request form:
<https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/request-tools-for-volunteer-events>



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