



PARKS & RECREATION
CITY OF NEWARK

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FACILITY USE REGULATIONS

1. All uses of the George Wilson Center (G.W.C.) must be requested at least 14 days prior to the date of use and must be arranged in person at the G.W.C. Reservations are made on a first come, first serve basis and NO reservations will be taken over the phone. A Facility Rental Permit form must be completed for each use of the facility and processed with payment through the Center Supervisor.

2. Rental Rates:

<u>Room/Area</u>	<u>Short Term</u>	<u>Long Term</u>
Main Hall (no kitchen)	\$40.00/hr	\$30.00/hr
Main Hall (kitchen)	\$60.00/hr	\$50.00/hr

(The kitchen at the center is available to store cold foods and to warm prepared foods. It is the renter's responsibility to leave the kitchen area in the same condition as it was found.)

Meeting Room	\$25.00/hr	\$20.00/hr
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Note: To qualify for the Long Term Rate – You must reserve a minimum of four (4) dates within a six (6) month time frame to qualify for the long term rate. Total time reserved must be a total of eight (8) hours or more (*will not be granted retroactively, multiple dates must be booked at the same time*).

Additional Equipment Available for Rental (Items may not be available for every date)

Elevated Stage (2' off ground)	\$5 per stage section (4' x 8' sections)
TV/DVD	\$10 for use during your rental
Podium	\$10 for use during your rental
Projector	\$10 for use during your rental
Microphone with Speaker	\$20 for use during your rental

3. Rental Payment Policies:

- a. **\$50 Non-refundable deposit is required when a rental permit has been executed. Payment can be made by CASH, CREDIT/DEBIT CARD, CHECK or MONEY ORDER.** Remaining balances are due a minimum of 30 days prior to the rental date. We reserve the right to cancel your rental if the balance is not paid 30 days ahead of your rental date. **WE DO NOT ACCEPT PERSONAL CHECKS for the balance payment.** Reservations made within 30 days of event must pay in full at time of reservation.
- b. **All cancelled rentals will forfeit the \$50 deposit. Renters that fail to give cancellation notice prior to 30 days preceding any use of the G.W.C. will forfeit all monies paid. Cancellation requests must be made in writing (email is acceptable). Changing the date will also result in forfeiture of deposit.**
- c. **In the event of damage to the G.W.C. or the necessity for excessive clean-up resulting from a rental, the renter will be billed for any such costs**

- d. **Rentals running overtime (beyond the permitted rental period) will be charged at the regular hourly rate.**

4. Responsible Adult:

Organizations/groups that rent the G.W.C. must identify a responsible adult (age 21 or older) who shall ensure that all rules and regulations and points of the permit are enforced. **Failure to ensure that ALL guests and attendees follow rental policy guidelines may result in immediate cancellation of the rental.**

5. G.W.C. Attendants are agents of the City of Newark, Parks and Recreation Department and their directions must be followed. Attendants will determine if renters are abiding by rental policies and maintain the right to make cancellation decisions during all facility rentals.
6. G.W.C. Attendants will provide the set-up and take down of tables and chairs.
7. **The rental group is responsible for sweeping the floor, cleaning of chairs, tables, and any spills that may have occurred during the rental period. It is also the renter's responsibility to make sure all rooms used are in the same condition as when they arrived. If large quantities of refuse are created as a result of the rental, the renter is to bag and place the materials in the dumpster located in the parking lot.**
8. **All evening rentals must be completed and out of the building by 10:30pm. There are no exceptions. Set up and clean up time must be included in the rental times.**
9. **G.W.C. Access:** Rental of a room provides access to that room, use of the hallways to get to the room, and use of the restrooms. Rentals are expected to limit guests to only these areas. Guests must not loiter in bathrooms, hallways or any room that has not been rented.
10. **Noise Level and Music:** The G.W.C. has residential housing nearby. Neither music nor any other noise should interfere with other activities taking place at the G.W.C. or neighboring residences. All users are expected to be lawful and comply with the City of Newark Noise Ordinance. Only music suitable for a public facility will be permitted (by judgment of the attendant on duty). The volume is subject to the control of the attendant on duty.
11. **Fundraising and Fees:** Renters will not charge admission, sell tickets or items, or solicit donations without prior consent. All requests must be approved by the G.W.C. Supervisor and details listed on the rental permit.
12. Candles may be used on tables only if candleholders are used. No other open flame candles may be used except for birthday cake candles and sterno candles. Incense and smoke machines are not permitted.
13. All persons using the G.W.C. shall postpone a reserved date when a City sponsored activity of public interest requires the same date. There will be no charge for the resulting cancellation. The G.W.C. Supervisor will make every effort to avoid having to postpone a confirmed reservation whenever possible. The G.W.C. Supervisor will seek to reschedule any postponed dates.

14. The City reserves the right to require chaperones, security or traffic control, to be provided at the expense of the renter. **Minors:** If the event is primarily for children and/or minors, there must be one adult for every 15 minors. A minor is defined as anyone under 21. The renter is responsible for ensuring that this ratio is maintained throughout the event. Teenage birthday parties, such as Sweet 16's, are not permitted at the George Wilson Center.
15. The City reserves the right to cancel or discontinue any activity where rule violations take place.
16. The City of Newark is not responsible for damages or injuries to property or persons associated with the use of the George Wilson Center and Park.
17. Tables, chairs, and any other equipment must remain inside and may not be removed from the G.W.C.
18. Rentals are encouraged to view the rental area for electric accessibility or any other special equipment needs. Please provide details on the rental permit regarding any equipment you are bringing in. Insurance certificates may be required.
- 19. The sale, consumption, or possession of intoxicating liquors or beverages, dangerous or narcotic drugs, or gambling of any kind is prohibited on the grounds and in the G.W.C.**
- 20. The maximum number of people permitted in the George Wilson Center is 150.**
21. Parking is limited to the designated parking lot; **65** Total Spaces, **3** Handicap Parking Spaces.
22. All City of Newark Park Rules and Regulations, City Ordinance No. 79-19 and No. 76-25, govern the use of the George Wilson Community Center and Park.
23. The policies and fees herein are subject to change.

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