

GENERAL RULES FOR PICNIC FACILITIES / AREAS

1. If a reservation is desired, it must be made in person with the recreation staff at the park. Shelter permit requests are accepted beginning at 4:00 p.m. for reservations exactly two months from the current date. If multiple residents are present and requesting the same shelter and date, a lottery will be conducted. All shelter reservation requests must be approved by a Community Services Supervisor.
2. Shelter applications will not be accepted more than two months in advance and no less than 72 hours in advance.
3. Shelter reservations are only accepted for **weekends and holidays** and may be made by Lakewood residents or Lakewood-based groups. Eligible groups include churches, schools, and businesses. Group reservation requests must be submitted on official letterhead.
4. Permit applicants must be 21 years of age or older. Identification and proof of residency is required. A California Driver's License or Identification, and a current utility bill received within the last 60 days or lease/rental agreement will be accepted to prove residency.
5. Picnic shelters may be reserved on a once a month basis. Reservations are limited to a single picnic space per Lakewood resident/Lakewood group at any given time. Multiple reservations on the same day are not permitted.
6. Picnic shelters are available for reservation once per day and cannot be booked by multiple groups or for multiple timeslots.
7. Each shelter has a **maximum capacity**. The total number of expected guests must not and cannot exceed the maximum capacity. The maximum capacity of the picnic shelters varies by park. **NO** shelter permit will be issued to a group whose total number of guests exceeds the maximum capacity of the shelter.
8. Shelter permittee **must** be present during reservation hours and check in with park staff prior to set up in the shelter.
9. If a reservation group does not appear within 60 minutes after the time specified on the reservation, the permit may be considered void.
10. **All shelter permittees and their guests must abide by the park rules and those rules set forth by the shelter reservation:**
 - a. **No intoxicants, narcotics or alcoholic beverages, nor persons under the influence of the same, shall be permitted on the premises. (LMC 4500)**
 - b. **It is unlawful to use or possess any portable barbecue, grill, smoker, cooking equipment, apparatus, fire pit or hibachi. (LMC 4220.H)**
 - c. **Profane language, gambling, quarreling, loud music, or similar actions will not be tolerated. (LMC 4220.J)**
 - d. **Helium balloons are prohibited. (LMC 4220.J)**
 - e. **Canopies larger than 10 feet by 10 feet in size are prohibited. (LMC 4220.J)**
 - f. **Dogs are prohibited at city parks except at Rynerson Park and the Nature Trail. (LMC 4222). Dogs must be restrained on a leash not to exceed six feet in length at Rynerson Park and the Nature Trail. Pets, animals and reptiles are also prohibited. (LMC 92-9)**
 - g. **NO VEHICLES are allowed to drive onto the park. (LMC 4220.1)**
 - h. **No inflatable bouncers, carnival rides, pony rides, generators or camping tents allowed on the park. (LMC 4220.J)**
 - i. **To keep the park enjoyable for everyone, please do not rope off areas with pennants, tape, rope, etc. (LMC 4220.J)**
 - j. **It is unlawful to remain in any park or recreation area when ordered to leave. (LMC 4220.2)**
11. Electricity is not available in the shelters.
12. Please leave the picnic area in a clean condition at the conclusion of your reservation.
13. Please be courteous of other park patrons and our neighbors while using the park facilities.
14. If you are planning on using a piñata, please contact the park staff. Confetti is prohibited.
15. Failure to observe any of these rules or regulations shall result in cancellation of existing permits and may result in denial of future requests for use of facilities.