



**Dempster St. Launch Facility
Information, Policies & Application Packet
2017**



City of
Evanston
Parks, Recreation and
Community Services

Dempster St. Launch Facility General Information:

The Dempster St. Launch Facility is for the launching, retrieval and storage of non-motorized vessels, small sailboats (sunfish, laser, etc.), catamarans, windsurfing boards, canoes, stand up paddle boards and kayaks. Only approved and permitted vessels may launch at this facility. It is unlawful to launch any vessel at any swimming beach or other public right of way within the borders of the City of Evanston. Swimming and wading are not permitted at this location.

Season Information:

- Opens on May 20, 2017 and closes on October 31, 2017
- Facility Hours are 9:00 am to Dusk
- Please do not put your boat on the beach or rack until May 20, as staff may need to grade the beach.



Safety & Facility Orientation Dates:

A free facility and safety orientation will be held at the Dempster St. Beach Office on **Saturday, May 20th from 10:00am-11:00am**. Anyone with a 2017 launch or storage permit and their family members are urged to attend.

Season Launch & Storage Permits:

Season permit holders are assigned a numbered spot or rack to store and launch their vessel, which includes a parking hangtag. These permits are not transferable and must be permanently attached to the craft's starboard bow (front right). For the permit to adhere, it should be attached at least 24 hours before launching. The spot/rack number corresponds to the number on the permit. Spots/racks permits for sailboats, windsurfing boards and catamarans (double hull vessels) also include a storage locker, (same number as the boat spot/rack) and are for storing masts, rudders, sails, PFDs, etc. Permits for kayaks, canoes and stand-up-paddle boards do not include a storage locker.

Season Launch-only Passes:

These passes allow launching on a daily basis, throughout the season, and include a parking pass. The season launch pass must be presented upon entry to the beach and permits the launch of one vessel only. Different vessels may be launched, but not at the same time.

Daily Launch-only Passes:

Beginning on May 20, 2017, daily launch passes may only be purchased at the Dempster St. Beach Office, 1251 Lakeshore Blvd., from 10am-7:30pm and cannot be purchased in advance. Daily launch-only pass holders must park on the public street. Parking is not permitted in the driveway adjacent to the Dempster St. Beach Office or in the parking lot west of the Dempster St. Launch Facility.

Dempster St. Beach Launch Facility Rules & Policies:

The Dempster St. Launch Facility is governed by regulations set by the Evanston Parks and Recreation Board and by City of Evanston ordinances, and is only for the launching, retrieval and storage of non-motorized vessels.

General Information & Safety

- To notify the Dempster St. Beach Office of a problem or emergency, call 847-866-4167.

- All vessels using this facility must have either a season permit or daily pass.
- All recreational vessels must carry 1 properly-fitting, wearable life jacket for each person on board. Any boat 16' and longer, except canoes and kayaks, must also carry 1 throwable "type IV" device. Life jackets should be worn at all times when the vessel is under way.
- On a vessel under way, children under 13 years of age must wear an appropriate USCG-approved life jacket.
- Swimming, including wading and swimming from a vessel, is expressly prohibited along the entire Dempster St. Beach and within 150 yards east of all buoys, to maintain safety as boats launch and return to shore. If you wish to swim, you can exit the Dempster St. Beach via a newly installed gate in the fence separating Dempster St. Beach and Greenwood Beaches. You will need a season beach token or a daily pass to use Greenwood Beach.
- Sunbathing is not allowed within 5 yards of the shoreline, in the launch area marked by orange cones, and within 15 yards of any storage rack.
- Boating, windsurfing or boarding is not permitted inside the buoys marking the swimming beach areas.
- Food and drink may be brought onto the beach, but alcohol and glass containers are not allowed.
- No dogs, with the exception of service dogs, are allowed on the beach.
- Repeated failure to comply with the written rules & policies, or with the instructions of lakefront staff, may result in loss of your launch and storage permit, without refund.

Vessel-Specific Information

- Sailboats and windsurfing boards may not be used without their sails.
- Stand up paddle boards are intended to be used by only one paddler at a time. That paddler must wear a leash which is also attached to their board. If a paddler wants to allow another person onto their board, that person must wear a USCG-approved life jacket and remain in a seated position while on the water. No more than two persons are allowed on any stand up paddle board at the same time.
- If a stand up paddler is unable to paddle and remain on the board, they may be asked to leave the facility.
- Surfing is permitted, but only in designated areas. Surfers must have an actual surfboard, with an attached leash, and must possess a launch permit.
- Boogie-boarding, skim-boarding, and kite-boarding are not permitted.
- Inflatable canoes, kayaks and stand up paddle boards are allowed only if they have a durable construction and are subject to inspection by Lakefront management staff. All other inflatable vessels or water toys are not allowed.

Departing From & Returning To Shore

- Children under 13 years of age will not be allowed to launch a craft without a parent or legal guardian being present on Dempster St. Beach during the entire time.
- Many types of craft share the same shoreline at the Dempster St. Launch Facility. Many could be departing from and returning to shore at the same time traveling in different directions. In addition, lake and wind conditions can create unique challenges for navigating safely near the shoreline. To help avoid possible collisions and injuries:
 - ✓ Always be aware of nearby or oncoming vessels, especially for sailboats which cannot stop and need clearance to return to the shore.
 - ✓ Always give craft returning to shore the right-of-way over craft departing from shore.
 - ✓ Avoid congregating in large groups and obstructing the path of oncoming vessels.

Storage

- Storage rack renters are responsible for securing their vessel to the racks.
- Please store your vessel bow forward (towards water) and wrap cable across the entire craft and secure the locks on the opposite side.
- Only one vessel may be store per rack or spot.
- **Rack holders may not make any major modifications to the racks and cannot chain craft, wheels, other vessels, etc. to the racks.**
- All vessels must be stored on their proper racks overnight. Do not leave any vessel out on the beach.
- Use only your assigned rack and locker. Vessels placed in incorrect racks or equipment stored in incorrect lockers will have their locks cut and be impounded. An impound fine of \$50.00 may be assessed before equipment/vessel will be returned.
- Boat covers must be secured neatly and may not infringe, hang down, etc. onto other boats or into other racks.

Beach Access:

When you purchase a season permit, your permit number allows admittance for you and your guests to the facility. When an attendant is present, you must stop and sign yourself and your guests in. The gate attendant's sole job is to check in and check out permit holders and keep out non-permit holders. In order to do their job, they may not leave the gate area.

Launching your vessel:

To assist in launching your vessel, sailboat dollies and Cat Trax are available on the beach. Boaters bringing their boats

on a trailer or on top of their cars may use the ramp, located on the south end of the facility. This cement ramp does not go all the way to the edge of the water, so be careful driving on the sandy area, since vehicles may get stuck. The city is not responsible for any damages or fees that may occur if you get your vehicle stuck in the sand. Sailboarders/windsurfers are encouraged to use the grassy area northwest of the parking lot for rigging and then walk their board and sail onto the beach, via the gate on the north end of the facility. Driving your vehicle on the beach is both dangerous and illegal and, subsequently, strictly prohibited.

Parking:

The parking hang tag that comes with your season pass/permit entitles you to park in the off-street parking lot, located west of the Dempster St. Launch Facility, on a first-come, first-serve basis.

- **IMPORTANT:** Please park facing west (away from the lake) and hang the tag from the vehicle’s rear view mirror, with the text facing forward toward the windshield.
- Cars with improperly displayed hang tags will be issued parking tickets. If you receive an unwarranted parking ticket, do not give it to a lakefront employee. All parking tickets must be resolved through the court system.
- There are two entrances to the parking lot. One entrance north off of Dempster St., and the other south off of Greenwood Ave. The parking lot is divided into two sections. It is not possible to drive through the lot from one entrance to the other.
- Trailers are not allowed in the parking lot; they may be parked on the grass north of the tennis courts.
- Your parking hang tag does not permit you to park along the Dempster St. Beach Office driveway.

Storage & Launch Rates	Resident	Non-Resident
Season Launch-only Pass: includes launch and parking pass (all crafts)	\$180	\$230
Daily Launch-only Pass: includes launch (all crafts)	\$25	\$35
Season Launch & Storage Permit (w/ locker): includes launch, storage rack, parking and locker (Single hull sailboats, Windsurfing boards)	\$270	\$340
Season Launch & Storage Permit (w/ locker): includes launch, storage spot, parking and locker (Double hull sailboats)	\$370	\$500
Season Launch & Storage Permit (no locker): includes launch, rack & parking (Kayaks, Canoes, Stand Up Paddle Boards)	\$230	\$290
Season Locker	\$50	\$70

Purchasing a Season Storage and Launch permit:

Returning Boaters

Renewing your storage space(s)

1. Please e-mail rdoerner@cityofevanston.org that you would like to renew the space you rented for 2016.
2. Once you confirm that you would like to renew your storage space(s), you will be e-mailed a receipt showing the space(s) has been rented for 2017 and the amount due.
3. The deadline to renew is Monday, March 13.
4. There are 3 ways to pay the balance for your storage space(s):
 - a. You can log into your online recreation account here, <https://www.cityofevanston.org/webtrac/wbWSC/webtrac.wsc/splash.html>, and make the payment by clicking on “Pay Old Balances” under the My Account tab.
 - b. By phone or in person at the Parks, Recreation & Community Services office at the Civic Center or any of our recreation centers.
5. The balance must be paid by Thursday, March 16 at 5pm, otherwise the space(s) will not be renewed and you would have to register for the move list to keep a storage space.
6. If you had an additional Dempster St. Launch only pass, you will have to fill out application in the packet.

Changing your storage spot

1. Please e-mail rdoerner@cityofevanston.org and indicate you would like to be registered for the Dempster St. Move List.

2. The deadline to register for the move list is Monday, March 20 at 5pm.
3. You, or a representative, will need to attend a meeting on Tuesday, March 21 at 6pm in the Linden Room of the Levy Senior Center, 300 Dodge Ave., to pick your new spot.
4. After your new spot is selected, you will be required to pay the full storage fee.

New Boaters

Anyone wanting to register on the vessel-specific wait list for a new combo launch/storage permit may do so **ONLINE**, using the following class numbers:

Class #753906 A-E (residents; 60201 & 60202 zip codes)

Class #753907 A-E (non-residents)

Once you register for the appropriate wait list, you will move up as boaters ahead of you get permits. Staff will assign open spots to boaters, using the wait list.

Purchasing a Season Launch-only permit (*Fill out attached application*):

MAIL IN

- **April 1 – September 5**

Mail your completed application and fee to:

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Dept.

Attn: Boat Permits

2100 Ridge Avenue

Evanston, IL 60201

WALK IN

- **May 21 – September 5**

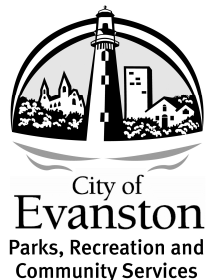
Dempster St. Beach Office

1251 Lakeshore Blvd.

Evanston, IL 60201

Open 7 days a week, 10:00 a.m. to 7:15 p.m.

**City of Evanston Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department , 2100 Ridge Ave, Evanston, IL 60201
Dempster St. Launch Facility Season Launch-Only Pass Application**



First Name:	Last Name:	D.O.B.	
Address:		City:	St. Zip
Home Phone:	Work Phone:	Cell Phone:	
Email:	Emergency Contact:	Emergency Phone:	

Permit Type	Evanston Resident	Non Resident	Number of permits	Amount Enclosed	Permit Numbers (Office Use)
Season Launch	\$180	\$230			

Hold Harmless Agreement

The City of Evanston and its Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department assume no liability for personal injury or damage to said boat or board, or any personal property of the permit owner or others while using lakefront facilities or while the boat or board is stored at a facility. Permit owner agrees to abide by the regulations promulgated by the Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department and the Evanston Playground & Recreation Board and to faithfully observe and comply with the provisions of the Code of the City of Evanston, laws of the State of Illinois and the laws and regulations promulgated by the United States Government. Failure to abide by said rules, regulations and laws shall constitute cause for revocation of their permit(s). The permit owner accepts all the conditions herein imposed, and shall be responsible for any person occupying his/her boat/board. This permit is not transferable and shall be void in the event ownership of the boat/board described herein is transferred by the permit owner.

I recognize that there are certain risks of physical injury and I agree to assume the full risk of any injuries, including death, damage or loss which I may sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with or associated with the activities. I do hereby fully release and discharge the City of Evanston, their officers, agents, servants, and employees from any and all claims from injuries, including death, damages, or loss, which I may have or which may accrue to me on account of my participation in these activities. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless and defend the City of Evanston, their officers, agents, servants, and employees from any and all claims resulting from injuries, including death, damages and losses sustained by me and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with the activity.

Signature

Date

Acknowledgement of Rules, Regulations & Policies (Please initial next to each statement)

_____ I understand that this pass may be used to launch only one vessel, and is not transferable to another person nor refundable.

_____ I understand that all recreational vessels must carry 1 properly-fitting, wearable life jacket for each person on board. Any boat 16' and longer, except canoes and kayaks, must also carry 1 throwable "type IV" device. Life jackets should be worn at all times when the vessel is under way.

_____ I understand that on a vessel under way, children under 13 years of age must wear an appropriate USCG-approved life jacket.

_____ I understand that craft returning to shore maintain the right-of-way over craft casting off from shore.

_____ I understand that alcohol is not allowed in any City park, beach, or ramp area.

_____ I understand that by City Ordinance, I must keep my craft 150 yards east of ALL buoys and swimming off my craft is NOT allowed within 200 yards of the public shoreline.

_____ I understand that sunbathing is not allowed within 5 yards of the shoreline, in the launch area marked by the orange cones, or within 15 yards of any storage rack.

_____ I understand that repeated failure to comply with the written rules & policies, or with the instructions of the lakefront staff, may result in loss of my launch and storage permit, without refund.

_____ I attest that all information I entered on this application is true and accurate and if I am found to be falsifying my application, all my permits will be revoked.