

GREEN DOG PARKS & OFF-LEASH HOURS

Parks listed are **shared use** spaces. Please be considerate of other park users.

OFF-LEASH HOURS:

(All hours are subject to change, please heed signage.)

Dawn to 9:00 AM

- Boylston Street Playground (Boylston St.)
- Coolidge Playground (Columbia St.)
- Corey Hill Park (Summit Ave.) **Overlook Area Only**
- Emerson Garden (Waverly St.)
- Waldstein Playground (Dean Rd.)
- Schick Park (Addington Rd.)
- Robinson Playground (Cypress & Franklin St.)
- Soule Playground Upper Field (Hammond St.)

Dawn to 1:00 PM

- Amory Playground (Amory St.)
- Eliot Playground (Eliot St.)
- Griggs Park (Griggs Rd.)

Dawn to 1:00 PM, April through November Dawn to Dusk, December through February

- Brookline Avenue Playground (Brookline Ave.)
- Harry Downes Playground (Highland Rd.)
Note: No dogs allowed in fenced portion of park with track.
- Larz Anderson Park (Newton St.)
Note: Top of the hill area, Avon Street side ONLY. No dogs allowed in children's play area, pond, garden area or BBQ sites/shelter.

Dogs are not allowed on any fields when the ground is thawing, generally during the entire month of March.

Parks not listed do **not** have off-leash hours.

If you see a violation, please report it!
Contact the Brookline Police Department 24-hours a day at (617) 730-2222

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why are off-leash hours occasionally suspended?

During permitted activities (school group activities, sports games, etc.) or when park crews are working, dogs must be on-leash for their safety and the comfort of other park users. Fields may be completely closed due to inclement weather or for other reasons related to maintaining healthy fields. We post field closed signs, and you can call the Green Dog hotline 24 hours a day at **(617) 879-4850** to hear a recording if fields are closed.

I'm a dog walker. Can I bring my clients to play and exercise off-leash?

Dog walkers are required to register for the program and will receive a permit for their business. In addition, all individual dogs must be registered to participate. Everyone, including dog walkers, is limited to 3 off-leash dogs at a time. Dogs must be under voice control and in sight at all times.

Why do I need to license my dog?

While the GreenDog Program is optional, Massachusetts state law requires that all dogs be licensed, and have a current rabies vaccination. Licensing is critical to ensuring the health and safety of our canine friends and other people, and can help identify your dog if they become lost.

Why do I need to pay a fee to participate?

The Green Dog program is an optional recreation program and a service to the community. Fees are charged similar to other recreation programs, and are used by the Town to cover costs incurred by the program, including park ranger services, program administration and tags; ongoing maintenance; communication and outreach; monitoring of park conditions; and program improvements.

Why are other people in the park during Green Dog hours?

Green Dog parks are shared use spaces. As a semi-urban town, Brookline has a limited amount of open space. The Green Dog program addresses the need for off-leash spaces in Brookline without sacrificing parkland for the greater community. We have thousands of park users, and sharing our parks helps us maximize the use and enjoyment we all receive from open spaces.

HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

Please visit our website at www.brooklinema.gov/GreenDog or contact us at **(617) 879-5650** or green@brooklinema.gov.

Town of Brookline

GreenDog Program



Under supervision of the:
**Brookline Park and Recreation Commission
& Parks and Open Space Division**

**870 Hammond Street
Brookline, MA 02467
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Contact us at:
GreenDog@Brooklinema.gov

www.brooklinema.gov/GreenDog
Follow us on Twitter **@BrooklineDogs**

WHAT IS THE GREEN DOG PROGRAM?

Participants in the Green Dog Program enjoy time to play with their dogs off-leash, while sharing the spaces with other park users. Dog owners must register for the program, pay the annual fee, follow the program rules and regulations, and adhere to the specific off-leash hours established by the Park and Recreation Commission.

The Park and Recreation Commission has a responsibility to address any issues promptly and appropriately. The Commission has the authority to temporarily or permanently close, or modify the boundaries of off-leash areas for any reason including the following: park damage, failure to comply with rules and regulations, public health or safety, or problems affecting other park users' enjoyment of the park. Violators are subject to incremental fines, removal from the off-leash area, and suspension of off-leash privileges.

IS MY DOG READY?

We are glad you are interested in the Green Dog Program! Before jumping into the registration process, let's make sure you and your dog(s) are ready to join.

PRE-REGISTRATION CHECKLIST:

Dog(s) must be...

- At least 6 months old to participate
- Up-to date on **all** vaccinations
- Healthy
- Trained
- Under voice control

Dog(s) must not be...

- Aggressive towards people, other dogs, or wildlife

HOW TO REGISTER

ONLINE (Residents Only)

Renew your Green Dog registration and dog license online at <https://www.brooklinema.gov/permits-and-licensing>

BY MAIL

Download the instructions and forms to sign up for the Green Dog Program and dog license at www.brooklinema.gov/303/dog-licenses. Mail the completed form, proof of rabies vaccination and payment to:

*Green Dog Program
c/o Town Clerk's Office
333 Washington Street
Brookline, MA 02445*

IN PERSON

Stop by the above office and drop off or request forms to license your dog and sign up for the Green Dog Program

GREEN DOG PROGRAM ANNUAL FEES:*

Resident Fee per Dog _____	\$100
Non-Resident Fee per Dog _____	\$150
Brookline Commercial Dog Walker Fee _____	\$100
Non-Brookline Commercial Dog Walker Fee _____	\$200

GUEST PERMIT FEES:*

Two-Day Permit Fee per Dog _____	\$5
One-Week Permit Fee per Dog _____	\$10

REGISTER AFTER DOG LICENSED OR AS A NON-RESIDENT

Complete the appropriate resident or non-resident registration form found online at www.brooklinema.gov/GreenDog and mail to or drop off at the address above with payment and documentation.

*Annual fees cover the calendar year, but will be prorated for dogs new to the Program or to Brookline. **Tags expire at the end of December, and must be renewed each year.** For non residents, dog walkers, or guest permits, visit www.brooklinema.gov/GreenDog

BEFORE YOUR VISIT

We hope you enjoy the off-leash opportunities available to you and your dog. Before visiting a designated Green Dog area, please make sure you...

- Put the dog license/Green Dog tag and identification on your dog's collar. Dogs must be wearing a current tag to be allowed off-leash.
- Bring bags for your dog's waste
- Review the program's rules and regulations

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Keep your dog on-leash until you are in the designated Green Dog area. Keep your leash on hand at all times.
- Check for park closed signs, wet fields, crews working in the park, or permitted activities, all of which mean off-leash hours are suspended.
- Pick up after your dog and encourage others to do the same.
- Keep your dog in sight at all times and under voice control.
- Keep dogs out of the playground and hardcourt areas (basketball, tennis courts, etc.)
- Excessive barking is not allowed. Please play quietly.
- Dogs must not enter sanctuaries or sensitive open spaces, such as flower beds, damage fields by digging, or chase or disturb wildlife.
- The number of dogs per person is limited to three.
- Dogs in heat are not allowed off-leash.
- Be mindful of your dog so that other park visitors feel safe. Many people do not like unfamiliar dogs approaching them, and only you know whether your dog is friendly to other people.

