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Alcohol Guidelines for Outdoor Events

Seattle Parks & Recreation operates over 450 parks across Seattle, at 11% it is also Seattle's largest landowner. Each park comes with unique opportunities and considerations. When applying for an event that includes alcohol many factors around your park selection will be considered, including, but not limited to: time of year, availability, impact to a neighborhood and more.

Alcohol is permitted within City of Seattle Parks with a permit, under specific conditions.

Public Events:

Must submit a citywide special event application to have alcohol at an event. An application can be found [here](#)

As part of that application, you will have to meet Seattle Fire Department policies around beer gardens. You will additionally have to secure the appropriate alcohol permit from the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board. *Both items will be part of citywide application.*

During COVID there will be a 3rd review, by King County Public Health. This will also be part of the citywide process.

All participants in the beer garden must be checked to assure they are 21+

Alcohol consumption is not allowed outside of fenced areas within a park.

Private Events:

To have alcohol at your event you may be required to submit a citywide special event application, although less common than a public event, unless you are planning a significantly large private event.

All other items listed above are still required.

Insurance:

Events with Alcohol Sales are required to acquire 2 million in general liability for their events. No Sales? 1 million in liability. The Insurance needs to cover the City of Seattle whether this is a public or private event. See insurance requirements on events page.

Fees:

Alcohol event fees do not directly increase park use fees. However, if hosting a ticketed event, park use fees start at \$5k. A private event in a public park starts at 10K.

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