

**Maywood Environmental Park**  
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## **Frequently Asked Questions about Weddings at Maywood**

### **Can I hold my wedding at Maywood?**

As a City of Sheboygan park, weddings are allowed on the park grounds. Please be advised that Maywood events and programs have precedence for using the park grounds and facilities. Please check with our staff to ensure we do not have other events scheduled for that day. The park is best suited for smaller ceremonies. As a courtesy, please call the park (920-459-3906) to discuss your plans and provide a date and time to our staff.

### **Can we take wedding photos at Maywood?**

Yes. The park offers many scenic areas for photographs.

### **Can I reserve areas of the park for a wedding or reception?**

We do not reserve any indoor or outdoor areas of the park for weddings or other private events such as showers, parties, dinners, or receptions.

### **Can I rent indoor areas of the Ecology Center or pay for access to it?**

We currently do not rent or open the Ecology Center for any private events.

### **Will the building be open and accessible to my guests or for the wedding party to get ready?**

We cannot guarantee access to the Ecology Center and indoor restrooms. Should the Ecology Center be open during your wedding, guests would be able to access the public areas of the building (restrooms, lobby, and Ecology Store.) A porta-potty is available year-round. You may not leave items such as clothing in the Ecology Center during your event. Restrooms must remain accessible to all our visitors.

### **Is the Ecology Center available to use in the event of rain?**

Even if the center is open to the public that day, no portion of the Ecology Center may be used for your preparations, ceremony, or reception. We strongly encourage you to take this into consideration when planning your event.

### **Can Maywood provide benches, tables, or other equipment?**

We do not provide any supplies for private events other than what is already accessible to all park users (benches, picnic tables, etc.) We cannot guarantee the availability of any items as other park users may be using them. The City of Sheboygan may move picnic tables to other parks for special events and festivals without notice. Should you move any benches or tables, you must return them to the original locations before leaving the park. This is particularly important with memorial benches as the donating families have often placed these at specific locations in the park.

### **Can I set-up a tent or bring in rental chairs and equipment?**

Small Ez-Up tents are allowed. Larger tents that require driven stakes or are set up by rental companies are not allowed. There are underground water, gas, electrical, and fiber optic cables in the park. You will be responsible for the full cost of any repairs should you damage these by driving stakes or signs into the ground. You may bring in rental chairs, tables, arches, etc. However vehicles may not be driven on the grass to set-up equipment. All equipment must be carried from the paved parking areas. Maywood, the City of Sheboygan, and its affiliates are not responsible for any damage, theft, or loss of your personal or rented property that is set-up in the park.

**Can we set-up in advance of our event?**

We strongly discourage setting up prior to someone being available to monitor your equipment. Maywood, the City of Sheboygan, and its affiliates are not responsible for any damage, theft, or loss of your personal or rented property that is set-up in the park.

**Can we serve alcohol?**

Per City of Sheboygan Ordinance the consumption of alcohol is prohibited in the park.

**Can we bring in gas or charcoal grills?**

Yes, provided fire precautions are followed. You must take the grills with you after your event. We do not offer a disposal area for hot coals. You are required to transfer these out of the park and dispose of them at home. We do not provide public access to running water outside.

**Are there trash and recycling receptacles available?**

We do not offer large trash receptacles or dumpsters for private events. Please plan to take all trash and recyclables with you at the end of your event and dispose of them at your home. The dumpster at Maywood is for Maywood generated trash only.

**Can we use the fire pits?**

Fire pits are reserved for Maywood sanctioned events.

**Is there electrical access?**

Electrical access is not available for private events.

**Can we light sparklers?**

Fireworks, including sparklers, are prohibited. Any open flame presents a fire hazard, particularly if the prairie grass is dry.

**Can we release butterflies or doves? Can we throw rice or confetti?**

We discourage the release of any animal, wild or domestic, at the park. Do not throw rice or confetti as it may harm wildlife in the park. Balloons should be removed at the end of the event to protect the park's wildlife.

**Can we play music or have a band?**

You may have music playing, but ask that you are considerate of all park users. Volume must be kept at a low level so that it does not disturb the wildlife and birds of the park. Many visitors come to Maywood to enjoy the tranquility and quiet areas of the park or view wildlife. Electrical access is not available to hook up sound systems.

**Can I have my pet in the wedding?**

Dogs and cats are prohibited per City of Sheboygan ordinance. Individuals found with a dog or cat in the park are subject to fine.

**Is the park handicap accessible?**

Portions of the park are accessible, mainly those near the Ecology Center. We strongly recommend you walk the areas of the park you are considering before deciding on a location. Vehicles may not be driven off the paved parking areas.

**What are the hours of the park?**

The park is open to the public 6am-10pm daily.