



**Church St. Power Boat Launch Permit
Information, Policies & Application Packet
2019**



City of
Evanston
Parks, Recreation and
Community Services

Church St. Power Boat Ramp General Information:

The Church St. Power Boat Ramp is for the launching of power boats, personal watercraft (jet skis), and large sailboats, that require a trailer to launch. Boats that are 28' or longer, or have a running draft of 36" or deeper, may find it difficult to launch at the ramp. The ramp is located in Evanston, at Clark Street and Sheridan Road (south of the Northwestern University campus). The facility is sheltered on 2 ½ sides by cement breakwaters.

The boat ramp opens in early/mid-May and closes at the end of October, depending on the weather, repairs and dredging requirements. The City of Evanston reserves the right to close the ramp due to unsafe launching conditions. Ramp hours are from 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. If you are using the boat ramp before 7:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m., please be considerate of the neighbors. Owners of a permitted vessel can launch their boat, on a daily basis, and then park their vehicle and trailer in the parking lot to the north of the ramp.



Daily Launch Permit: There are no daily launch permits being offered for the Church St. Power Boat Ramp.

Ramp Gate:

- When you purchase a season permit, you will be issued a pass card to operate the electronic gate. **You will be issued 1 pass card for each TRAILER, not for each craft.**
- When approaching the gate, wave the card in front of the black box prior to the gate; wait for the gate to go up.
 - **DO not try to use the key pad for entrance! Use ONLY your pass card!**
- If you have problems with the gate:
 - See the staff at the Clark Street Beach House (10:30 am to 7:15 pm, June 8 – September 2)
 - Call the Dempster St. Beach Office 847-866-4167 (10:00 am to 7:30 pm, May 18 – September 2)
 - Call the Evanston 311 Center at 847-448-4311
- The pass card will not be needed to exit; the gate will go up on its own.

Ramp Traffic Directions:

- When approaching the ramp, please use the far EAST LANE of the driveway before the ramp.

- The EAST LANE should also be used for the rigging of boats.
- When exiting the ramp, please use the far WEST LANE of the driveway.
- The WEST LANE is also to be used for removing plants, animals and mud from all equipment, drain all water from your boat and gear, and dry everything thoroughly before leaving the ramp.
- The CENTER LANE is for passing only.
- When launching or retrieving your boat, leave your boat tied up to the south pier in the spot furthest from shore, while you park your vehicle.

Parking:

- The parking hang-tag that comes with your season permit entitles you to park in the lot on a first-come, first-serve basis. The parking lot for the Church St. Power Boat Ramp is located north of the ramp.
- Parking permits must be hung from the rear view mirror so they are visible to staff and police.
- After launching, proceed to the north end and turn your vehicle around. Angle-park your car between the painted lines, facing southeast, or park parallel to the rip-rap on the east side of the lot.
- All tri-axle trailers must park parallel to the rip rap (east side of the parking area).
- Cars with an improperly displayed parking hang tag, parked illegally or not in a designated spot may be issued a parking ticket. 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 will be restrictions on the use of the ramp parking lot on July 4th and during other special events in the lakefront parks around the boat ramp.

Church St. Power Boat Ramp Rules & Policies: The Church St. Boat Power Ramp is governed by the Evanston City Code and regulations set by the City of Evanston Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department. By purchasing the Church St. Boat Launch permit, you agree to obey all rules and regulations of the City of Evanston, State of Illinois, and Federal Government, which govern the use of this facility and Lake Michigan. Failure to comply with regulations may result in loss of launching privileges, without refund, and/or legal prosecution.

- A season launch permit, one per vessel, is required. It must be permanently affixed to your vessel on the front port (left) side.
- If an attendant is present, you must stop and check with the attendant prior to launching your vessel.
- Do not tie up for more than fifteen (15) minutes at the Church St. Boat Ramp.
- No overnight docking is permitted at the Church St. Boat Ramp.

- Power boats or Personal Water Craft shall not cause a wake when entering or leaving the launching area (Ordinance 7-11-7 D) and the channel. The channel is marked by the red and green buoys.
- Vessels must stay at least one hundred fifty feet (150') east of the line of buoys designating the no wake zone, special use zone, swimming beaches and shoreline except for launching and retrieving of motorized watercraft. Passengers may not be picked up or dropped off at any beach or from the break walls adjacent to the beach.
- 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.
- Tubing or skiing is not allowed in the channel or boat ramp area; operators may not tow anything into the ramp, unless they are towing another vessel that is in distress.
- Swimming within 200 yards of the swimming beaches, shoreline and any marked buoy is prohibited.
- Beware of scuba divers exploring the wreck of *The Morley*, just southeast of the ramp. Stay away from “diver down” flags.
- To notify the Dempster St. Beach Office of a problem or emergency, call 847-866-4167 or hail our Evanston Lakefront staff on Marine Channel 16.

Cooperation between boaters is essential to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all!

How to purchase a Church Street Power Boat Launch permit:

Season Fees:

- **\$325/permit Evanston Residents (60201 & 60202 zip codes)**
- **\$600/permit for non-residents**
- All season permits go half-price on August 1

April 1 – May 17:

Mail In: – mail in your completed application and fee to:

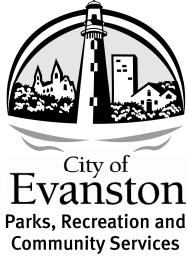
- Parks, Recreation and Community Services
Attn: Church St. Boat Permit
2100 Ridge Ave.
Evanston, IL 60201

April 1 – August 30:

Walk In: Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department
2100 Ridge Ave.
Evanston, IL 60201
Monday - Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

May 18 - September 2:

Walk In: Dempster St. Beach Office
1251 Lake Shore Blvd. (all the way east on Dempster St.)
Evanston, IL 60201
Sunday – Saturday from 10:00 am to 7:30 pm



**City of Evanston Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department , 2100 Ridge Ave, Evanston, IL 60201
Church St. Power Boat Season Launch Permit 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	\$325	\$600			

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 I must comply at all times with all verbal and written instructions of any City of Evanston staff member.
- _____ I understand that I must permanently affix my season permit to the front port (left) of my craft, and that the permit is not transferable and non-refundable.
- _____ I understand that a season pass may not be used to launch more than one craft, and should I wish to launch more than one craft, I will have to purchase another season permit.
- _____ I understand that State Law requires me to register my craft with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.
- _____ 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 feet east of ALL buoys and swimming off my craft is NOT allowed within 200 yards of swimming beaches or public shoreline.
- _____ I understand that by City Ordinance, the City has designated "NO WAKE ZONES" and that I must not cause a wake when my craft is in this area.
- _____ I understand that this information packet does not include all the rules, regulations and laws of proper boat operation and it is my responsibility to be knowledgeable and compliant with all applicable local, state and federal regulations.
- _____ I attest that all information on this application is true and accurate and if I am found to be falsifying my application, all my permits will be revoked.