

Parade Day Check-In Information

Parade day check-in will be open from **9:00 am - 11am on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 12th and Rhode Island**. Please send only one representative of your entry to pick up your number and receive directions on where to stage your entry. If the representative is not with his or her entry at the time of check-in, the representative is responsible for directing the entry to the designated staging area and waiting for the entry at said area. Please wait for your entry and attach the number card to the passenger side front window. Entries not checked in by 11am will be removed from the lineup.

All drivers must stay with their vehicles at all times once they enter the staging area. Vehicles that do not have a driver who is able to move the vehicles risk the chance of being removed from the parade.

Entry numbers need to be placed in the lower passenger side corner of the vehicle's windshield. If your entry contains walkers, please have one person in the front of your group displaying the number visible for the judges. Bicycle entries need to have one person in the front of your group displaying the number visible for the judges.

Please be aware that the staging takes place throughout surrounding neighborhoods. Please do not block driveways. Loud music is prohibited in the staging areas and misbehavior will not be tolerated.

Finally, please cooperate with parade officials. Your patience and understanding are appreciated.

Lawrence St. Patrick's Day Parade Rules and Regulations

1. **APPLICATIONS AND DONATIONS:** Early deadline for entry is March 8, 2026. Any applications received after March 8 will be assessed a late entry rate. However, you are encouraged to apply as early as possible. Please provide the committee with a detailed description of your entry on the entry application. All applications will be acknowledged and reviewed by the Lawrence St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. The consideration of your entry does not in any way constitute acceptance of your entry. Decisions of the committee are final. Suggested early entry donations are \$30 for family and non-profit entries and \$150 for commercial entries and car club entries. Late donation rates are \$50 for family and non-profit entries, \$250 for car club entries, and \$250 for commercial entries. Donations should accompany applications.

2. **PARADE VEHICLES:** All drivers must stay with their vehicles once checked in. Any driver who is not at his/her vehicle during lineup is subject to removal from the parade.

Exhibition of **acceleration** or peel outs will be subject to removal from the parade.

Liability insurance is required for all road worthy vehicles.

3. **PACE OF UNITS:** No entry or routine will be allowed to slow or stop the forward progress of the parade without the consent of the parade officials.
4. **SAFETY:** All participants must act in a safe and reasonable manner.
 - a. The consumption of alcoholic beverages by participants in the staging area or on the parade route is prohibited.
 - b. Throwing any items (i.e. candy, trinkets, stickers) from entries is prohibited. However, walkers alongside entries may pass out items to spectators. **Please refrain from enticing/encouraging parade spectators from entering the roadway.** Parade spectators are to remain behind the chalk line and any walkers handing out items to spectators **MUST** approach the spectators closely enough to **HAND THEM THE ITEM.**

- c. Projectiles such as confetti, streamers, toilet paper, silly string, etc. are prohibited. Please help us keep the parade route clean by refraining from launching these items from your entry. Entries that are littering will be promptly removed.
 - d. No entries will be allowed to discharge firecrackers, caps, blanks, incendiary devices, or other equipment that might startle or excite horses and other animals in the parade.
 - e. Float entries with riders must be equipped with handrails, posts, or grab bars for the safety of their participants.
 - f. No vehicle may exceed safe heights and lengths. A height of 14' 6" and length of 42' are dimensions that you should stay within while building your float. Vehicles and trailers coupled together shall not exceed 65'. Keep in mind, overhead trees and parked cars may present obstacles, so, please allow for them.
 - g. Any vehicle towing an entry shall have a towbar of sufficient strength to pull, stop, and hold all weight towed.
 - h. In addition to a safe hitch, towing vehicles shall have adequate safety chains.
 - i. Any entry carrying heaters, cookers, grills, power plants, generators, fuels, or easily combustible materials shall be required to carry a fire extinguisher.
5. **CHILDREN:** All children participating with an entry must be accompanied by a supervising adult. The person(s) accompanying the children shall be responsible for their safety as well as maintaining the required pace. Children aged 10 and under should either ride on floats, ride inside vehicles or be pulled in wagons by parents/chaperones as they are too small to keep up with the proper parade pace on foot.
6. **UNITS AND ACTIVITIES NOT PERMITTED:**
- (a) Entries representing political issues or candidates for political office. If you have any questions regarding the appropriateness of your entry, please contact the Parade Committee prior to parade day at Info@lawrencecpatricksdayparade.com. We are happy to discuss any entry prior to Parade Day. Entries will be inspected including signs on Parade Day. Entries not in compliance will be removed.
 - (b) Entries oversized.
 - (c) Entries that cannot keep pace.
 - (d) Entries that are indecent or immoral.
 - (e) Entries that are significantly different than described on their application.
 - (f) Entries with participants that are under the influence of, or consuming, alcohol or drugs.
7. **VIOLATIONS:** Any entry or participant that violates any of the aforementioned rules and regulations may be subject to immediate disqualification and removal from the parade and may be subject to a ban from future participation.
8. **INSPECTION:** All entries are subject to inspection by police, committee judges, and/or parade security as may be deemed necessary before and during the parade.
9. **DISPERSAL:** Immediately after the parade all floats shall disperse to their proper destination; follow instructions of police and parade officials.
10. **THE ACCEPTANCE, ASSIGNMENT, NUMBER OF ENTRIES, AND ALL JUDGING IN THE PARADE ARE AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE LAWRENCE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE COMMITTEE AND THE DECISIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE FINAL.**

**THE COMMITTEE WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR INJURIES OR PROPERTY LOST,
DAMAGED, OR STOLEN. YOU PARTICIPATE AT YOUR OWN RISK**

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 785-592-8129 OR EMAIL
info@lawrencestpatriksdayparade.com**

PARADE ENTRY PRIZES

CASH PRIZES:

COMMERCIAL

1st Place \$500.00
2nd Place \$250.00
3rd Place \$150.00

NOT FOR PROFIT

1st Place \$500.00
2nd Place \$250.00
3rd Place \$150.00

FAMILY

1st Place \$500.00
2nd Place \$250.00
3rd Place \$150.00

TRAVELING TROPHY:

There is one category for large float entries of any type that compete for the traveling trophy. Please indicate on the first page of the application if your group would like to compete for this traveling trophy. If you choose to compete for the traveling trophy, you will not be eligible for a cash award.

All prizes will be awarded/announced approximately 1 hour after the end of the parade.
