

Parks, Recreation, and Facilities

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Weather Cancellation:

- PRF can close fields at any time due to bad weather, voiding related permits.
- Closures are decided on a case-by-case basis.
- **No activities, permitted or otherwise, are allowed when fields are closed.**
- Permitted user groups must assess game conditions on their field.
- Questions? Email ballfields@portlandmaine.gov or call 207-808-5400.

Procedure for closing fields:

- All weather closures will be made through the City's [MyRec website](#).
 - Alert banner on the homepage
 - Automated email to the permit holders.
 - Add noreply@receipts.myrecdepartment.com to your contact list to ensure delivery.
- **Weekdays (excluding federal holidays):**
 - A final decision will be made by 2 pm
 - Notification will be made by 2:30 pm
- **Weekends and Holidays:**
 - When possible, a decision will be made by 2:00 pm on Friday, based on current and anticipated field conditions and the current forecast.
 - If not, a decision will be made by 7:00 a.m., with notification sent by 07:30 a.m.
- **Portland Public Schools:**
 - To allow for notification to bus drivers, a decision will be made by 11:00 am on Weekdays and 7:00 am on Weekends.

Sudden Weather:

- Play at your own risk.
- Use your best judgment and discontinue use if field conditions worsen.
- Email ballfields@portlandmaine.gov if you discontinue play due to weather or field conditions.

Field Closure Guidelines:

In determining whether to close the field, the City shall consider the following factors:

- Current condition of the field as it relates to playability and safety, including:
 - Grass can be easily dislodged from parks by play.
 - Visible standing water
 - Soft, waterlogged ground that releases water when stepped on
 - Unstable or slippery footing
 - Lightning present or thunder heard within the last 30 minutes
 - Snow covering the field (removal prohibited)
- Current weather
- Forecasted weather
- Intended use and potential for user injuries
- Intended use and potential for damaging the fields
- Long-term effect or impact on the fields
- Unforeseen maintenance repairs or hazards

Note: Artificial Turf Fields (Fitzpatrick and Memorial Stadiums) are **NOT closed due to rain**. Users can elect to cancel, but will not be eligible for a credit on the hourly rate.