

- In order to protect the General McPherson statue, food or drink should not be consumed at the base of the statue. Food and drinks, particularly drinks with a high sugar content and dyes (such as soda and sports drinks), leave permanent stains;
- Nothing may be attached or affixed to the statue or passed through landscape features, trees or other vegetation;
- To help allow the turf to get the sunlight and water needed to survive, we recommend that any temporary structures or tents with attached flooring placed on grass should be relocated every four days.

While temporary structures or tents are allowed in the park under some circumstances, camping is not permitted. Camping is defined at 36 CFR § 7.96(i)(1) as *"the use of park land for living accommodation purposes such as sleeping activities, or making preparations to sleep (including the laying down of bedding for the purpose of sleeping) or storing personal belongings, or making any fire, or using any tents or shelter or other structure or vehicle for sleeping or doing any digging or earth breaking. . . "*. To allow for visual inspection and monitoring, all temporary structures and tents must have at least one open side.

The basis for these rules and guidelines can be found in Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations sections 2.1, 2.14, 2.31 and 7.96; the National Mall and Memorial Parks Compendium compiled under 36 C.F.R. § 1.7; and the National Park Service, National Capital Region - Requirements for Special Events Held on Parkland. These documents can be viewed and downloaded at www.nps.gov/nama/planyourvisit/permits.htm.

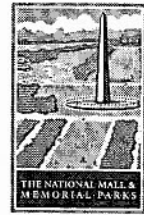
National Park Service rangers will be distributing this notice, as well as well as posting it, at the park. National Park Service rangers and United States Park Police officers will continue to monitor the park to ensure compliance and answer questions. Your cooperation is appreciated.

If you have any questions, or would like a copy of the regulations, please contact Robbin Owen, Chief, Permits Management at 202-245-4715.



Help Us Preserve McPherson Square

National Mall and Memorial Parks – National Park Service



The National Park Service has a long and proud tradition of providing opportunities for the exercise of First Amendment rights. The national parks of Washington, DC are used almost every day as places for First Amendment demonstrations and for citizens engaged in civil debate over serious issues facing our nation.

The National Park Service is also required to protect our important cultural and natural resources. To help you help us with that responsibility and comply with park regulations, we are providing some guidelines for visitors using the parks, regardless of the reason for their visit.

Safety Guidelines:

Generators: For safety reasons and to protect natural resources, any generator must:

- Be surrounded by a fence of at least three feet in height;
- Be placed on matting. Matting must be made of three-quarter inch plywood, or other material agreed to by the National Park Service, topped by a plastic tarp impermeable to fuel, with absorbent material on top of tarp;
- Have a drip pan under the fueling nozzle.

You may refuel generators on parkland only between the hours of 5:00 am and 8:00 am. Storage of generator fuel in the park is not allowed. Fuel is defined as a hazardous material by the Environmental Protection Agency, and fuel spills pose a danger to human health. You must immediately report all fuel spills to the District of Columbia Fire Department by dialing 911 and to the United States Park Police dispatch at (202) 610-7500 so that corrective action can be taken.

Restrooms: There are no restrooms in the park although organizers may provide their own portable temporary toilets in coordination with the park. The National Park Service recommends a minimum of one portable toilet per 300 people, with at least 20 percent of facilities handicapped accessible. Public urination or defecation is prohibited.

Trash: The National Park Service will provide trash receptacles in convenient locations and will empty them at least three times per day. All trash and debris must be cleared from the park and placed in the park trash receptacles at the conclusion of each day's events.

Resource Protection Guidelines

Existing natural and cultural resources, and landscape features, must be protected from damage or injury. The following rules apply to McPherson Square: