

Parade Rules



St. Patrick's Day Parade Rules

Parade lineup numbers will be posted one week before parade day on our website <https://www.stpatparadebaycity.org/parade-info/>

- All applications are subject to review and approval by the Parade Committee.
- Parade entries are requested to arrive at the parade line-up area at 12:00 PM Noon the day of the parade. See the line-up map on our website.
- The Parade will start promptly at 2:00 PM.

THE CENTER LANE OF CENTER AVENUE IS TO REMAIN OPEN FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES AND THE REARRANGING OF PARADE ENTRIES.

- A float entry must be skirted, and all objects on the float must be completely decorated in good taste. Please, **No** signs stating prices of goods or services offered by business entry on float.
- Lettering must be at least 6 inches in height unless a company logo is incorporated in the design of the float.
- All floats are encouraged to be decorated with an Irish theme.
- All material must be flame retardant.
- This is a family event. Parade floats or vehicles as well as parade participants must be decorated/dressed in good taste with no inappropriate signs, clothing, or decorations.
- Only current political officeholders may enter the parade. Political candidates running for any office may **not** enter the parade. **No Exceptions!**
- Horse units and antique cars will be permitted. Only cars 30 years or older will be considered antique. Horse units must provide "pooper scooper" and keep the streets clean.
- No intoxicating beverages/drugs will be permitted in the parade or line-up area.
- The Bay City Public Safety Department will have the authority to act as they see fit to ensure the safety of parade visitors and participants.





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- **NO** objects or candy may be tossed or thrown from floats or vehicles. Candy may be **HANDED** out **ALONG THE CURB** on the parade route.
- Entry must keep moving along the parade route and not stop. The driver should ensure approximately 50 feet of clearance between themselves and the float ahead.
- Deviation from the above rules will be made at the sole discretion of the Parade Committee. Entries that do not follow the rules will NOT be invited to return for the next year's parade.
- Parade Judges will determine float winners during the parade. Winners will be contacted after the parade.
- Award categories: Best Irish theme, President's Trophy, and Best Overall.
- Please retain these rules for your information for parade day.

By completing your Parade Registration, you acknowledge that you have read and understand all of the Parade Rules and agree to ensure all members of your business, organization, or group adhere to them. You understand that failure to comply with the Parade Rules may result in monetary fines, legal action, and denial of future parade entry.

