



RE: St Patrick's Day Parade 2011

Thank you for entering the 2011 St Patrick's Day Parade. Please find below arrangements for the start and finish of the Parade.

Walking Entries

All walking entries are to be in place on The Glen by 12 noon. This early meeting time is to facilitate ensuring that all entries are lined up in the correct order on the day. Stewards will be in place on the day to advise you of where your group is in the running order. Portaloo facilities will be in place on The Glen. Please note that traffic restrictions will be in place on the day and no cars will be able to park on The Glen.

Floats/ Vehicles

All floats and vehicles are to meet on Merchant's Quay at 11.30am. Only vehicles for which insurance details have been received and which are deemed safe will be allowed to participate in the Parade. Stewards will be on duty to advise you of where your float should be positioned before the Parade commences.

Parade Route

The Parade will officially commence at 1.00pm and will be finished at approximately 2.00pm. While on the Parade route, please comply with any instructions received from Stewards along the route who are there to ensure a safe and enjoyable Parade for both participants and spectators. Please note that there are to be no performances along the parade route.

Performances in front of the reviewing stand must be agreed with the Event Organiser in advance of the event.

Safety Information

The Parade will officially end at the junction of The Mall and Parnell Street at Waterford Credit Union. For safety reasons, the Gardaí have requested that Catherine Street remains closed for the duration of the Parade and barriers will be placed across the entrance to this street. No entries will be allowed to turn onto Catherine Street.

Collection Arrangements

Waterford College of Further Education on Parnell Street, have kindly made their car park available as a collection point for after the parade. There will be no vehicular access to this car park on the day. The car park will remain open until 2.30pm to facilitate collection of children from this area. I would appreciate if you could communicate this information to guardians/ parents collecting children. A representative from each entry should remain on site until all children from their entry have been collected.

I appreciate your assistance in complying with these arrangements and hope you have an enjoyable day. If you have any queries, please contact me on 051 849709.

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Grant
Event Organiser



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Helpful Hints for Making an Interesting Parade Entry

Small/Large Walking Groups

Whether you are a group of friends or a large community group, walking groups can make a big impact by using simple costume, props, flags, banner or a routine.

It is important to create a visual identity and tell people who you are, particularly for larger walking groups.

Straggling groups of people walking create less impact than a tightly formatted, evenly spaced group, so think how you will move along the route.

Important points

- *Co-ordinated costumes – may be simply the same colour T-shirts/Flags*
- *Establish a theme or identity*
- *Evenly spaced walking*
- *Use of banner, props or routines*

Dancing/Marching Groups

You need to pace your routine so that it can keep up with the speed of the Parade, yet be flexible to allow for changes in speed and prevent gaps in the Parade. Please remember, that performances may only take place in front of the Reviewing Stand and with the prior approval of the Event Organiser.

Potential Health & Safety risks have been identified as the result of gaps being allowed to develop in the Parade, and you may be asked to cut short a routine if this happens. You will be expected to comply with the requests of the Parade stewards.

Also how will the music to accompany your entry be transported? If it is a sound system, think about decorating the transport also to co-ordinate it with your entry and continue the theme.

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Props, Flags & Banners

Props and banners can be used to identify your group or identify your theme. They can create colour, humour and height to your entry – remember, many people's view is often restricted.

Important points

- *Do not make your prop or banner too heavy to be carried for the entire route.*
- *Ideally, make them weatherproof.*
- *If using flags, create a choreographed routine.*
- *A wide range of items can be installed on poles and carried – papier-mâché objects over wire frames, fruit or stuffed toys, plastic flowers, hats etc.*
- *Flagpole or fishing rod holders round the waist make props, flags and banners easier to carry.*