



2026 Tailgating Guidelines

We are excited to host tailgating at designated football games this fall. These guidelines are intended to ensure the safety and security of all participants. We encourage all WP students, alumni, faculty, staff, and community members to review the following tailgating guidelines prior to arrival on campus:

- Tailgating will be held in the secured area of Lot 2, Rows C and D. The lot opens at 10:30 a.m. (9:30 a.m. on Homecoming). No vehicle entry will be permitted after 12:00 p.m. Tailgating ends at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Homecoming. All tailgating items must be packed up prior to leaving for the football game.
- Tailgating is limited to two assigned parking spots per group, including space for one parked car. Spaces are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.
- Attendees may bring one 10' x 10' pop-up tent (no closed sides). Tents and other equipment (i.e., tables, chairs, grills) must be set up within assigned spaces to maintain access for emergency vehicles.
- Gas and charcoal grills are permitted. Remaining charcoal from grills must be disposed of properly in containers specifically provided for this purpose.
- DeeJay set-ups are not permitted. All amplified music is restricted to clean radio versions only.
- Tailgaters must provide food to their guests if they plan to serve alcohol.
- Kegs, party balls, common source/mass quantities of alcohol, and glass bottles/containers are not permitted.
- All University and state regulations pertaining to the legal consumption of alcohol will be enforced. All attendees must be prepared to show legal proof of age to William Paterson University Police or University representatives when requested. Violators are subject to criminal prosecution. Intoxicated persons will not be admitted to the game.
- Solicitors and outside caterers are not permitted. This includes deliveries of food and alcohol.
- Anyone who refuses to comply with these guidelines will be asked to leave.
- William Paterson University is a tobacco free and smoke free campus. The use of all tobacco and smoke products is prohibited on all University property including smoking, vaping, aerosolizing, and any cannabis item available for lawful consumption.

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Thank you in advance for playing an important role in helping make the tailgating experience safe.