

# Town of Fenwick Island Street Map



# THE TOWN OF FENWICK ISLAND



## Information Guide

800 Coastal Highway  
Fenwick Island, DE 19944  
302-539-3011

## Welcome...

The Town of Fenwick Island is a wonderful place to live or visit! The most prized and well-known treasure of Fenwick Island is its shoreline along the Atlantic Ocean. Throughout the summer and fall, the ocean is mostly calm and warm, and the sandy beach is wide and relatively uncrowded. Beachgoers of all ages enjoy swimming, riding the waves, building a sand castle, having a game of catch, walking the pristine beach, talking to friends, reading a book, napping, and searching for seashells.

## Beach



Lifeguards are on duty from 10:00 AM-5:00 PM beginning Memorial Day weekend and then every day beginning the second weekend of June through Labor Day weekend. All lifeguards have certification in lifesaving, first aid, and CPR. The lifeguards will do their best to protect you; however, all beachgoers swim at their own risk. Please obey the directions of the lifeguards when they determine that swimming may be dangerous due to ocean and/or weather conditions.

The Fenwick Island Beach Patrol provides access to the beach via a side-by-side, beach wheel chair, and ATV. This service is used to transport people with disabilities, injuries, the elderly, and other special circumstances onto and off the beach. This service is provided between 10:00 AM-4:00 PM ONLY. To utilize the service, you may call the beach patrol phones at 302-462-6942, or go to the nearest lifeguard on the beach and request the service.

The dunes are very important to the safety of property. Disturbance of the fences or vegetation causes erosion and is a violation of State law. **Please stay off the dunes and do not allow your children to play on the dunes or the dune fencing.**

Umbrellas and tents are allowed on the beach from 7:00 AM-9:00 PM, but at no time can they obscure the lifeguards view. Umbrellas can be no greater than 8' in diameter and height while tents are required to be open on at least three sides, be no larger than a 10' x 10', and no greater than 8' in height.

To keep the beach clean, PLEASE use the trash containers, which are located at each dune crossing.

Prohibited on the beach:

- Alcoholic beverages on the beach (possession or consumption) prohibited from May 15-September 15.
- Glass containers on the beach are prohibited at all times.
- Tobacco and other substances are prohibited. It is unlawful to burn, heat, inhale or exhale a cigarette, cigar, pipe, or other product or device that contains tobacco, herbs, weed and/or marijuana, including the use of e-cigarettes and vaporizers.
- Sleeping on the beach is prohibited between 12:00 midnight-8:00 AM.
- Dogs and domestic animals are prohibited on the beach from May 1-September 30.
- Fishing, launching, or beaching of non-motorized vehicles is prohibited while the lifeguards are on duty, except as permitted by the Beach Patrol Captain.

## Important Area Phone Numbers

Town Hall:	302-539-3011
Officer on Duty Cell:	302-542-8793
Cape-May Lewes Ferry:	302-645-6346
Chamber of Commerce:	302-539-2100
Coast Guard:	302-227-2121 (emergency) 302-227-2439 (non-emergency)
DART Bus Service:	800-652-3278
Delaware State Parks:	302-739-4702
Delaware Tourism:	800-441-8846
Fire Department:	302-539-7700
Hospitals:	410-352-5822 (Atlantic General Hospital) 302-645-3300 (Beebe Hospital)
Libraries:	302-539-5231 (South Coastal Library) 302-436-8195 (Selbyville Library)
Poison Control:	800-722-7112
Police:	911 (emergency) 302-542-8793 (Officer on Duty Cell) 302-539-2000 (Fenwick Island Police) 302-856-5850 (State Police)
Post Office:	302-539-9874 (Bethany Beach) 302-436-8044 (Selbyville)
Utilities:	Cable (Comcast): 800-934-6489 Electric (Delmarva Power): 800-375-7117 Trash (Waste Industries): 302-934-1364 Water (Artesian Water): 302-645-7751 Sewer (Sussex County): 302-855-7379

## Need More Information?

For more information, please visit our website:

<http://fenwickisland.delaware.gov>.

You can also like us on Facebook

Search for Town of Fenwick Island-Government  
and/or Fenwick Island Police Department

## Severe Weather



In the event of an approaching coastal storm, please pay close attention to the Weather Channel or weather bulletins issued by the National Weather Service.

The State of Delaware and the Town of Fenwick Island will issue instructions and recommendations as needed via [CodeRED](#).

We urge you to sign up for our [CodeRED](#) emergency and weather notification system through the Town's website or by texting "FENWICKISLAND" to 99411.

## Doing Business in Town

Business licenses are needed to work in Town. The licenses are renewed yearly, January through December, regardless of application date.

- **Service or Contractor:** all building contractors, service contractors, and companies performing a service or operating within Town limits must apply for an Outside Contractors License.
- **Retail Merchant and Restaurant Owner:** all merchants within Town limits must apply for a Retail Merchant License and are required to hold a valid license and a certificate of compliance (if applicable).
- **Property Rental:** anyone who rents property in Town, whether residential or commercial, is required to have a Rental License.
- Town permits are required for all work within the incorporated Town limits.
- Construction trash materials must be contained in a dumpster or similar container.
- Construction mud and debris must be cleared from streets, right-of-way, and neighboring properties.
- Contractors are to provide toilet facilities, if none are available.
- Primary contractors are responsible for subcontractors, or anyone else working for them, to insure that Town ordinances are upheld.
- Construction is allowed between the hours of **8:00 AM-6:00 PM**. No construction is allowed on Sunday's or holidays. No construction allowed on Saturdays from May 15-September 15. No pile driving is allowed between June 1-August 31.
- Should you have any questions or concerns regarding Building Permits, contact:

Mike Locke  
302-539-3011 x 217  
mlocke@fenwickisland.org

## Bonfires

Bonfires on the beach are by **permit only** and are strictly enforced. Residents, property owners, and renters within the corporate limits of the Town of Fenwick Island, who are 18 years of age or older, with proof of ownership or rental agreement, may apply for a permit. The permit holder is responsible for the conduct, activities, and the clean-up. A non-refundable permit fee and a separate refundable deposit is required upon application. Bonfires are limited from 5:00 PM-12:00 midnight, with clean-up activities to begin no later than 11:00 PM so that all participants are off the beach by midnight.



## Events

All are welcome to attend these annual events held in Town:

- Earth Day Clean-Up (April)
- Story Time in the Park (every Wednesday in July beginning at 10:00 AM)
- Town Bonfire (July)
- Fenwick Flicks (July and August)
- Community Tree Lighting & Holiday Gathering (Saturday after Thanksgiving)
- Fenwick Freeze (New Year's Day)
- Town Council Meeting (4th Friday of every month)

## Living in the Town of Fenwick Island

- The Fenwick Island Police Department maintains a voluntary homeowner emergency contact list for property owners, whether their permanent address is Fenwick Island or elsewhere. Please contact Town Hall or Police Dept. for sign-up form.
- **Solid waste, recycling, and yard waste:**
  - Solid Waste, Recycling and Yard Waste Calendars can be found on the Town website or in the lobby of Town Hall.
  - Residential trash collection is on Monday and Friday from May-September and on Monday only from October-April.
  - Recycling is picked up every Thursday from May-September and every other Thursday from October-April.
  - Yard waste is picked up the third Tuesday of the month from April-December.
  - Bulk trash pick-up is held twice yearly on the three days after Memorial Day and the three days after Labor Day.
  - Trash and recycle containers may not be placed along the curb in front of the property earlier than noon preceding the pick-up day and must be removed from the front of the property within 12 hours after it has been emptied by the collector.
- **Property maintenance:**
  - Weeds and grass are not to exceed 10" in height.
  - All owners are responsible for removing any debris or rubbish which may accumulate on their property.

## Noise

- The Town takes pride in being one of the “Quiet Resorts”. It is unlawful to make a noise disturbance within the Town or on the beach. Therefore, please be considerate to others!
- Reasonable noise and noise activities, such as house maintenance, gardening, and grass cutting, are permitted between the hours of 8:00 AM-8:00 PM.
- Construction is allowed between the hours of 8:00 AM-6:00 PM. No construction is allowed on Saturdays from May 15-September 15 or Sunday’s or holidays. No pile driving is allowed between June 1-August 31.
- Fireworks are not allowed. The discharge of fireworks is a violation of State law and of the Town noise ordinance.
- Any person found guilty of violating the noise ordinance will be subject to a fine of \$200 daily.

## Parking



Parking permits are required from May 15-September 15, from 9:00 AM-10:00 PM. To avoid any fines, all vehicles parked within the Town limits during this time require a permit and must follow all Town parking regulations:

- For visitor/street parking, use the ParkMobile app to purchase hourly, daily or weekly permits. ParkMobile permits are digital.
- Parking is allowed only in the designated parking areas along the street. Legal parking spots are identified by white lines along the right-of-way. Yellow lines identify no parking zones.
- There are four designated handicap parking spaces in Town located at the beach ends on the following streets; Bayard, Georgetown, Farmington & King.
- Do not park closer than 15’ from any intersection or fire hydrant. Do not block any private driveway area.
- Vehicles must be parked parallel to and off the paved street and in the same direction as the traffic flow (all four tires should be completely off the paved street).
- The beach (dune) end diagonal spaces are reserved for Fenwick Island property owners with **BLUE** permits only. All vehicles parked in these spaces must hang their permit from the rear-view mirror or be ticketed.
- For contractor parking, one decal is provided with a yearly license. They must be placed directly on the rear bumper on the driver’s side.
- Campers, motor homes, and oversized recreational vehicles must be parked in a driveway and require special permit authorization. Please visit Public Safety Building during business hours to apply for a temporary permit.

Once a parking ticket is issued, it cannot be voided. It must be paid or disputed in court. If you wish to dispute a ticket, please contact:

The Fenwick Island Police Department  
800 Coastal Hwy.  
Fenwick Island, DE 19944  
302-539-2000 x 1

## Pets

It is unlawful for an owner to allow his or her animal to defecate upon any property, public or private, within the Town except on property owned or leased by the owner of the animal. Please be considerate of others and remove any feces immediately and dispose of it in a sanitary manner.

Animals are not permitted to run loose; they must be on a leash.

Dogs and domestic animals are prohibited on the beach from May 1-September 30.

## Recreation

The Town has several amenities that are open to the public year-round: a Community Park, shuffleboard court, basketball court, and a canoe/kayak launch. All are located on the byside at Cannon Street.

- Pets, skateboards, roller blades, bikes, and scooters are not permitted in the park areas at any time.
- Alcoholic beverages and smoking are not permitted inside the park.
- Children must always be supervised.



## Renting Your Residence

- Any property owner who is renting their residence must first obtain a Town Rental License and submit a Declaration of Property Status form.
- The applicant will assure compliance with the Town Code. (Ch. 100-9)
- A short term gross rental receipts tax of 8% is due on a bi-annual basis, May 31st and November 30th each year.
- The maximum overnight occupancy is not to exceed 12 persons.