

# Fair Share Guidelines

Below is clarification on the applying for and the use of the Cary Park District “Fair Share” program. By utilizing “Fair Share”, this entitles a family to pay in-district fees and to register for programs at the same time as residents. Please keep in mind that “Fair Share” is not necessarily for everyone. You will need to calculate the frequency of Park District use and the savings you’d receive by registering as a Resident versus your normal Non-Resident status.

## *Use of the Program*

Fair Share will be applied over a 12 month period starting on the first day a selected program/membership is used by the person enrolled under the “Fair Share” option, not when registration takes place.

If a program starts within the 12 month period, the “Fair Share” resident will generally be able to complete the program as a resident even if a portion of the program is outside the twelve month period. A program is defined as an activity that is assigned its own unique bar code for registration.

***Preschool and Fitness Center Membership*** - Resident rate under “Fair Share” will be applied on a monthly basis without regard to the payment plan selected (whether monthly or annually).

***Pool Passes*** – Pool Pass purchases under “Fair Share” are limited to one season. A second season would require a new application and purchase of the “Fair Share” option.

## *Application for “Fair Share” Option*

1. The inquiring family should provide a copy of their current tax bill (emailed, faxed, mailed or in person) to the Superintendent of Recreation for review.
2. The “Fair Share” amount will be calculated, based on the tax bill provided, and a written reply will be sent
3. Resident status will not be granted until the entire “Fair Share” payment has been paid
4. The tax rate and equalized value may change each year, so you would need to reapply and submit updated tax documents.
5. Once used, no refund of the “Fair Share” payment will be given.

**If you have questions, please direct them to Erica Hall, Superintendent of Recreation at (847) 639-6100 x 117 or [ehall@carypark.com](mailto:ehall@carypark.com).**