



DOWNTOWN REFRESHMENT AREA

Welcome to the

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Established July 2020 to promote outdoor business and recreation

Within the Refreshment Area, patrons of participating restaurants, pubs and entertainment venues may carry an open alcoholic beverage in a designated container.

Refreshment Rules

- Drink from designated Refreshment containers only
- Stay within the designated Refreshment Area. Look for signs indicating boundaries.
- Do not carry Refreshments into businesses. They must remain outdoors.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where is the Refreshment Area in Downtown Grand Rapids?

The Refreshment Area Downtown generally includes the central business district, the Hotel and Arena districts, the Monroe North neighborhood and the Bridge Street corridor. Look for orange border signage on the sidewalk and light posts.

What types of alcoholic beverage can I purchase to carry around the designated Refreshment Area?

Beer, wine, and liquor are all allowable drinks when served in a designated container. Drinks must be purchased inside a participating business.

What are the operating hours of the Refreshment Area?

Sunday – Thursday 7:00 AM until 10:00 PM. Friday – Saturday 7:00 AM until midnight.

Can I walk anywhere with my drink?

No. Patrons must stay within the designated Refreshment Area boundaries. Leaving a Refreshment Area with an alcoholic beverage violates State and local law.

Can I take my Refreshment into other businesses?

No. Once a designated Refreshment has left the business where it was served, it must be consumed before you enter any other establishment.

Can I take an empty designated Refreshment container into a business so I can reuse it?

No, you must throw away your Refreshment container before entering any business.

Can I bring my own alcoholic beverage, pour it into a designated refreshment container, and walk around in a Refreshment Area?

No, the only drinks allowed are those purchased from businesses participating in the Refreshment Area program. No cans, glass bottles, or outside drinks are permitted within the boundaries per State and local law.

Note: All State of Michigan and City of Grand Rapids laws apply, including but not limited to those prohibiting public intoxication, impaired driving, open containers and serving alcohol to minors.

PLEASE DRINK RESPONSIBLY

For more information see downtowngr.org/refreshments

