The Southard Park Picnic Shelter is available for parties of up to 75 people. A public restroom is located adjacent to the shelter. The facility is available for rental sunrise to sunset, daily. Features:

- Six 6-foot picnic tables
- One charcoal grill – on patio area adjacent to shelter, 3ft by 2ft approximate grilling area
- Electricity

Rental Reminders:

- ALCOHOL may only be served if a liquor permit is obtained in conjunction with your reservation. Only Township Residents may obtain a liquor permit. Insurance is required.
- The key issued will unlock the grill. You are not permitted to bring your own grill to any facility.
- Follow all instructions provided regarding the use and cleaning of the charcoal grill.
- Do not move picnic tables to outside the shelter area.
- Vehicles are not permitted on paved pedestrian paths or on the grass. They must remain in the parking lot. This includes catering vehicles.

- Decorations, signs, posters, etc. are permitted; however, do not tack, staple or nail any items to walls or use tape that will damage the wall’s paint when removed. Remove all decorations hung inside and outside at the end of your rental.
- Wipe down all tables, counters and sink areas used during your rental. Bring your own paper towels and soap/multipurpose cleaner to assist with clean-up. Bring a grill brush to clean the grill after use.
- Bag your trash and recycling using the containers near the shelter and place in the appropriate containers behind the maintenance shed at the end of your rental. (See photo-left)

Location & Directions: Southard Park, 67 North Maple Avenue, Basking Ridge, New Jersey.

*Note: This is an approximate address.*

The park is a block north of the Bernards Township Library, just past the center of town.

- From North - Take 287 South to exit 30-A, toward Basking Ridge. Coming off the ramp, turn right onto Maple Avenue. Go 1.4 miles (passing thru 1 traffic light) to Southard Park, which will be on your left.
- From South – Take 287 North to exit 30-A, toward Basking Ridge. Coming off the ramp, turn right onto Maple Avenue. Go 1.4 miles (passing thru 1 traffic light) to Southard Park, which will be on your left.
- From East – Take I-78 West toward the Garden State Parkway/Clinton. Take Exit 48 onto Route 24 West. Merge onto I-287 South via the exit on the left, toward Somerville. Take exit 30-A, toward Basking Ridge. Coming off the ramp, turn right onto Maple Avenue. Go 1.4 miles (passing thru 1 traffic light) to Southard Park, which will be on your left.
- From West – Take I-78 East and merge onto I-287 North toward Morristown. Take exit 30-A merging right onto North Maple Avenue. Go 1.4 miles (passing thru 1 traffic light) to Southard Park, which will be on your left.
Southard Park – Charcoal Grill

The key will unlock the padlock on the grill, and keep the pail and shovel attached to the grill when locked up with a chain. Water is available from the sink located in the restroom.

At the End of Your Rental

When the grill has completely cooled, remove charcoal with metal shovel provided and place in the metal containers provided and replace lid. Cover the charcoal with water and place the container and shovel at the base of the grill and lock grill/pail/shovel to grill. Replace covers. DO NOT place charcoal in the garbage cans or dumpster.

Important Safety Reminders

Liquid lighter fluid is not allowed.

Limit the amount of charcoal on site to the amount needed for the event.

Charcoal shall be left in grill until cold, then removed to a metal bucket (provided) and covered with water.

An adult shall be in attendance while the grill is in use or hot.

A container (bowl, bucket) of clean cold water should be available to cool small burns if needed.