

Gate Operation Guidelines

Entry GATES:

- When entering a gate, we encourage residents and visitors to use their designated lane.
- All vehicles should be prepared to **STOP**.
- Before presenting your card or pressing the red button to enter, ensure the vehicle ahead of you has fully passed through the gate.

Residents: Have your Gate Card ready before you arrive at the card reader.



1. **STOP** at the card reader.
2. Slowly pass your card within 12 inches of the card reader. Watch for the gate to open and then proceed. You can always press the red button to open the gate.
3. Once the gate arm opens, proceed with caution and watch for traffic (vehicles, golf cars, cyclists, pedestrians, etc.).

The gate arms are programmed to come down after each vehicle. A vehicle trying to pass through the gate without using the card reader or pressing the button risks the gate arm striking their vehicle.

When passing through a gate, stop; then proceed with caution and watch for all cross traffic (vehicles, pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists, golf cars, etc.).

Exit Gates:

1. Please slow to 5-mph as you approach.
2. Observe the gate arm and wait until the arm is fully open before proceeding past it.
3. Watch for cross traffic, but do not stop for those on the multi-modal path. Vehicles have the right-of-way those behind you **will expect you to proceed**.

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General Gate Operation Safety Guidelines



For your safety and the safety of your vehicle, all cars, golf cars, bicycles and motorcycles must **STOP** before passing through the entry gates in The Villages!

The gates in our community serve to slow the speed of traffic into our residential areas.

Whenever you approach a gate area, slow down and prepare to **STOP**!

- Please slow to the posted speed limit of 5-mph when entering a gate area.
- **STOP** at the card reader to use your access card or to press the red button. If there is a gate attendant, please stop and allow the attendant to signal when it is safe to proceed.

Special Situations You May Encounter:

Gate Attendant Instruction

In certain situations, the Gate Attendant may raise the gate and indicate for more than one vehicle at a time to pass through. This is done at the discretion of the Gate Attendant to address specific traffic flow.

Inoperative Gates

Look for traffic cones or a stop barricade placed in preceding an inoperative gate. Please **STOP** and then proceed with caution. A work order is in place for that gate. If you come upon a gate arm that is not functioning correctly, please notify Community Watch immediately to schedule repairs. **24-Hour Dispatch: 352-753-0550.**

Cameras

All gates are equipped with cameras, allowing Community Watch to continually record and monitor traffic entering and exiting our community.

If you strike a gate with your vehicle, please contact Risk Management.

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