



NOISE ABATEMENT

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FLY FRIENDLY

The Martha's Vineyard Airport is committed to being a good neighbor.

We have developed the Fly Friendly program to support flying activities that are considerate of our community.

The Fly Friendly program identifies practical measures to decrease noise, such as voluntary limitations of flight training and flights over residential areas, and promoting good flying habits.



FLYING HIGH TO LESSEN NOISE

Pilots are required by law to maintain a safe altitude at all times, including when flying over residential areas. Aside from landing or taking off, the minimum height a plane should fly is 1,000ft over inhabited areas and 500ft over uninhabited areas or over water.

Safety is always first

Safety is paramount at Martha's Vineyard Airport. Pilots are expected to make their best efforts to comply with the Fly Friendly program, but there may be times when weather, air traffic procedures and safe separation distances between aircraft may mean that they are not able to follow all of the fly friendly procedures.

Considerate flying

Pilots are encouraged to be respectful when flying to/from Martha's Vineyard. Through the Fly Friendly program, pilots are asked to:

- Be aware of noise sensitive areas
- Avoid prolonged engine run-ups during evening/night/morning
- Avoid flying low at all times, especially over residential areas
- Keep flight training patterns as compact as possible, avoid turns over residential areas.
- Climb to altitude (2000ft) as soon as possible and then reduce power to cruise settings.
- Minimize tight turns over residential areas
- Fly across the least noise-sensitive areas, circumnavigate the island over the water.
- Use proper power settings during arrivals and departures.
- Visit mvyairport.com for more information and updates.

Delaying aircraft turns

Because residential communities surround most areas South and West of the airport, pilots should make every effort to wait to turn to minimize noise over residential areas (see map 1a.) Aircraft landing runway 06 will intercept a 2 mile straight in (SILOC) or turn over the 3rd finger of the West Tisbury Great pond. Aircraft departing runway 24 are asked to make their turn at an altitude of 2000ft or 2 miles, 3rd finger of the pond. Right hand turns can be made departing runway 24 before the West Tisbury road and the turn stays within the confines of the State Forest and it is a **SAFE** operation for the pilot and aircraft.

“Complying with voluntary noise abatement procedures helps maintain the character of Martha’s Vineyard that has made it a treasured place to live, work and visit”

VOLUNTARY NOISE ABATEMENT PROGRAMS AT MVY

Martha’s Vineyard airport has long implemented a voluntary noise abatement program to address aircraft activity that may affect our surrounding communities.

- No departures exceeding 75 dBA between 2200 and 0600 local time (10:00pm-6:00am)
- All aircraft to avoid intersection departures
- Corporate pilots use close-in noise abatement profiles as defined by their aircraft manufacturer or by the National Business Aircraft Association (NBAA)
- Preferred runway for noise abatement is runway 06
- Use over-water approaches/departures (06-24) to reduce noise over residential areas especially at night and early mornings.
- Pattern altitudes: light aircraft (1000ft) Large and Turbine powered aircraft (1500ft)
- Remain 1 mile off shore when circumnavigating the island
- See FAA Advisor Circular AC90-66A

KATAMA AIRFIELD TRAFFIC (NOT CONTROLLED BY MVY ATC)

- From N/NW: expect MVY transition N & E of shoreline at 2000ft or overhead at 3000ft
- From West: expect MVY transition along South shoreline at 2000ft or overhead at 3000ft

NOISE REDUCTIONS ON THE GROUND

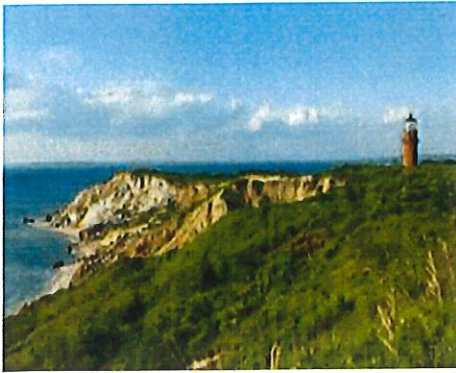
Noise on the apron can carry into residential areas. Try to minimize noise on the ramp.

- Auxiliary Power Units (APU) are important for pilots for safety checks and to keep the cabin comfortable. But excessive use creates noise exceeding 110 decibels and air pollution. **Please limit APU use to 15 minutes.**

MVY frequencies

- Tower: 121.4
- Ground: 124.35
- Unicom: 122.95
- Boston South: 119.70





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Martha's Vineyard is a noise sensitive area. We are removed from the bustle of off Island life, residents and visitors enjoy tranquility of the Island. Although aircraft noise is a concern, it falls short of regulatory thresholds that impose limitations on aircraft operations and flight patterns. Nevertheless, the Martha's Vineyard airport continues to advocate voluntary policies above and beyond FAA obligations.