



TENT REGULATIONS

Permits

Tents that meet the following shall require a building permit from the Town of Wethersfield Building Official. The permit shall be applied for by the building owner or the installer of the tent. The applicant shall provide a sketch/plan showing the location of the tent on the property. The applicant shall also provide a flame test certificate on the fabric for the tent. The permit shall be approved by the Building Inspector, Zoning Official and the Fire Marshal.

1. All tents 400 square feet in total area.
2. All tents regardless of size that are provided with electrical power.
3. All tents regardless of size that are provided with heating or cooling equipment.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. Tents used exclusively for recreational camping purposes.
2. Tents open on all sides which comply with the following:
 - a. Individual tents having a maximum size of 700 square feet.
 - b. The aggregate area of multiple tents placed side by side without a fire break clearance of 12 feet, not exceeding 700 square feet total.
 - c. A minimum clearance of 12 feet to all other structures and tents.

3. Tents 900 square feet and smaller in total area when occupied by fewer than 50 persons, which have no heating appliance, no installed electrical service and are erected for fewer than 72 hours.

Special Requirements

- Tents shall be provided with “No Smoking Signs” during the times the tent is occupied
- If cooking is conducted inside of a tent, it shall be approved by the Fire Marshal
- If sides are provided on 3 sides of a tent, temporary exit signs shall be provided. If electricity is provided temporary emergency lighting will be required.
- The Fire Marshal shall determine if fire extinguishers are required for the tent.
- The Fire Marshal shall determine based on the size of the tent, type of event and occupant load if standby fire firefighters shall be required for fire watch. Such fire watch shall be paid for by the sponsor of the event.

The Building Inspector, Zoning Official and Fire Marshal shall have the authority to require additional safeguards if necessary.

If you should have any questions regarding these regulations you can contact the Building Official at (860)721-2839 or the Fire Marshal at (860) 721-2806