



CITY OF COCONUT CREEK

DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
CODE COMPLIANCE DIVISION
4800 WEST COPANS ROAD
COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA 33063

Fire Safety Inspections for Special Events

A special event can be:

- ◆ City Celebration
- ◆ School or Church Carnival
- ◆ A parade
- ◆ 4th of July Celebration
- ◆ Garden Show
- ◆ Home Depot "Tent Sale"

A fire inspection will be required before operations begin.

Primary concern is maintaining a means of egress

1. All sides must be open in order to escape from the site.
2. If it is a tent (with sides) emergency lighting and lit exit signs may be required.
3. Fire extinguishers to be mounted at exits
4. If "fenced in" additional 6' of open space surrounds the canopy for egress path for two ways out. Watch out for tripping hazards of supporting tent ropes and spikes.
5. A clear access road is to be maintained for emergency vehicles. (when setting up, consider the addition of awnings to the canopies projecting into the access road.

Propane or Natural Gas

1. All gas lines to be in good working order. No frayed, kinked or bared lines.
2. All gas bottles to be in good condition.
3. All gas bottles to be at least 10 feet from source of ignition.
4. All gas bottles to be maintained and braced in an upright position

Electrical Supply Lines

1. All electrical lines to be approved by the electrical inspector.
2. No "domestic" "two wire" type extension cords may be used.
3. No "domestic" multi-plugs may be used.
4. Only commercial wiring and lighting may be used.
(If electrical lines are "warm" to the touch, wiring is not heavy enough to handle the current.)
5. All generators to be more than 10 feet from source of ignition.
6. Wiring cannot be a "tripping hazard".
7. Approved gasoline "safety cans" shall be used and stored 10 feet away from ignition sources.

Fire Extinguishers

1. A type "K" class fire extinguisher, properly tagged, shall be utilized at the fryers, and properly mounted.
2. Fire Extinguishers shall be certified and tagged and in good working order
3. Train cooking staff in the use of the different type fire extinguishers
4. A minimum "2A10BC" type extinguisher to be mounted at each cooking station.
5. A pressurized water extinguisher shall be mounted at a charcoal or wood burning grill.

Tents and Canopies

1. Canopies are "tents" without any sides
2. All canopies to have flame retardant certifications. Some are sewn into the canvas.
3. No sides on canopies.
4. Clear walkways to be maintained inside the working area.
5. All staff to be familiar with the use, and differences, of the fire extinguishers.

If required, emergency lighting and exit signs to be properly maintained.

In the City of Coconut Creek:

- Fire Marshals' Office must be notified when there are more than 200 people expected at the site.
- The Fire Marshals' Office must be advised when any event involving cooking, carnival rides, or the use of generator.
- The Fire Marshals' Office must be notified if a "special needs" group is involved in an event.