



New Jersey Uniform Fire Code Tent Requirements

A Type 1-xv permit is required (\$80.00)

A tent permit is required for any tent that is larger the 900 square feet or is longer than thirty (30) feet in any dimension, single or multiple connected units.

The following information must be provided:

A copy of the tent material fire resistance certification (must NFPA 701 certified. California Fire Marshal or CPAI-84 is not acceptable)). This certificate is required for each tent and for any sidewalls (if provided).

A layout of the tent, this drawing must include the following:

- Tent dimensions
- Exit locations including sizes, lighted exit signs and emergency lighting (*this is required if there are wall panels in place*)
- Tent layout including tables and chairs. You must show aisle locations and widths
- Proposed tent occupancy load
- Location of fire extinguishers
- Location of any cooking equipment (*note: all cooking equipment must be located a minimum of 20' outside of the tent*)
- Name, address and phone number of tent supplier/installer
- Exits will be required if the tent has more than two side walls, exits must have approved, lighted exit signs

The following are not permitted within the tent:

- Flame producing devices, including candles and sterno
- Hay, straw, sawdust and other similar combustibles
- Cooking equipment of any kind
- Smoking

There must be a 20' minimum clearance around all side of the tent from any vegetation

** The installation of electrical wiring, lighting etc. or any platform or stages requires a permit from the Building Department

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New Jersey Uniform Fire Code Cooking Tent Requirements

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Separate “cooking” tents are permitted. This tent will be used for cooking, but must also meet all of the requirements listed in the tent requirements. Cooking tents must be located a minimum of 20’ from any tents used for general occupancy.

All cooking operations must meet the following requirements:

- Provide a diagram of the cooking area showing all cooking appliances and their fuel supplies
- All cooking appliances must be listed for commercial use
- LPG tanks must be located outside of the tent a minimum of 5’ from the cooking appliance
- The LPG containers must be located in a safe area away from vehicular traffic and be secured in an upright position (fastened to a substantial object such as a post)
- LPG containers must be properly labeled, including the words “NO SMOKING”
- LPG tanks must be free of leaks and have their safety relief valves pointed away from the tent
- A fire extinguisher shall be located at each cooking appliance/area (3A40BC minimum size)
- Storage of combustibles shall be kept to a minimum and stored in approved areas only.
- Occupancy underneath the cooking tents shall be limited to food preparation personnel only. Food may be served from the outer edge. Suitable barriers shall be provided to maintain a distance of not less than 5’ between areas accessed by the general public and the cooking equipment.

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