

**ORANGE PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT
TENTS AND TRANSIENT MERCHANTS
SAFETY INFORMATION**

The information contained in this document is intended to set up a safe environment for you and the public.

1. The Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) shall conduct any inspections that are required prior to occupying all permitted tents/portable structures in the town.
2. 2A-10BC Portable Fire extinguisher shall be **(REQUIRED)**. The extinguisher must be certified by a company licensed to do so by the state of Florida. Fire Extinguishers shall be furnished and maintained in tents in such quantity and in such locations as directed by the (AHJ).
3. Tents shall be permitted on a temporary basis. They shall be erected to cover not more than 75% percent of the premises, unless otherwise approved by the (AHJ).
4. Tents with enclosed sides are required to have emergency lighting and exit signage.
5. All tents/canopies require a certification of flame resistance. If you have any questions regarding this matter contact The Town of Orange Park Fire Prevention Bureau.
6. All temporary wiring shall meet electrical code.
7. Electrical cords shall be labeled and of sufficient size to handle the electrical load. The cord shall also be designed for outdoor use; spliced or repaired electrical cords are not allowed.
8. Only labeled (U.L. listed) heating devices may be used. Fuel fired heaters and their installation shall be approved by the (AHJ).
9. Containers of liquefied petroleum gases (LPG) shall be installed not less than (60 inches) from any tent and shall be properly secured and in proper working condition. (i.e. No rust, dents or damage of any kind).
10. All cooking tents shall be separated by a minimum of 8 feet from other tents. No assembly is allowed in or under cooking tents.
11. Electric, gas and charcoal grills are permitted. (Metal coal collection containers are required for grills emitting ashes).

12. Any area set up for cooking purposes shall be inspected and approved by the (AHJ) before you may start up any cooking equipment.
13. If cooking includes frying or producing grease laden vapors, a Class K fire extinguisher shall be required. Depending on the cooking equipment used a hood suppression system may also be required.
14. Smoking shall not be allowed in or under any tent or similar structure in areas where cooking or food consumption takes place and shall be posted as such.

The above information has been obtained from the 2010 edition of the Florida Fire Prevention Code and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1 & 101. If you have additional questions concerning this or any other fire code requirement, you may contact the Orange Park Fire Prevention Bureau at (904) 278-2083.

These guidelines are not all inclusive, additional requirements or resources may be needed based on past experience with the type of event scheduled and/or other regulatory agencies. You must also understand by not following the above rules and regulations you will be asked to close your area.