



FIRE & RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Tent Regulations

This list of guidelines does not include all the requirements for the safe use of tents. It is the license/permit holder's responsibility to comply with the applicable sections of the Marshfield general ordinance and the Wisconsin Administrative Code.

1) General Requirements

- a) Tents shall be permitted only on a temporary basis 180 days maximum.
- b) **Tents shall be erected to cover not more than 75 percent of the premises, unless otherwise approved by the Marshfield Fire and Rescue Department.**
- c) Automotive equipment that is used in connection with any tent may not be parked within 20 feet of the tent except by special permission of the fire chief.
- d) **No other automotive equipment or internal combustion engines may be parked or located within 50 feet of the tent except upon a public street.**
- e) Flammable or combustible liquids may not be stored in a tent nor less than 50 feet from any tent used for public assemblage.
- f) **The storage and dispensing of flammable or combustible liquids shall be in accordance with Chapter Comm 10.**
- g) Hay straw and other flammable material may not be stored less than 35 feet from any tent, except upon special permission from the fire chief.
- h) **The grounds both inside and outside of tents shall be kept free and clear of combustible waste and refuse.**
- i) Waste and refuse shall be stored in approved containers or removed from the premises.
- j) **Smoking is prohibited in any tent or in any adjacent areas where hay, straw, alfalfa, sawdust or other highly combustible materials are kept or stored.**
- k) "No Smoking" signs shall be conspicuously posted.
- l) **No fireworks, open flame or other device emitting flame or fire may be used in or immediately adjacent to any tent while open to the public, except upon special permission from the fire chief.**
- m) The placement of tents relative to other structures shall be at the discretion of Marshfield Fire & Rescue, consideration given to occupancy, use, opening, exposure, and other similar factors.

2) Flame Resistance

- a) All tent fabric shall be flame resistant, a certificate or other evidence of acceptance by an organization acceptable to the Marshfield Fire and Rescue Department is a requirement.

3) Location and Spacing

- a) There shall be a minimum of 10 feet between stake lines.

4) Fire Extinguishers

- a) Portable fire-extinguishing equipment with a minimum rating of 2A-10BC shall be furnished and maintained in tents. The travel distance to extinguisher(s) shall not exceed 75 feet or as directed by the Marshfield Fire and Rescue Department.

5) Exits

- a) Every tent occupied by the public shall have at least two (2) standard exits located at or near opposite ends of the structure and a minimum of 44 inches wide each.
- b) The total width of exits from a tent used for assembly purposes shall be not less than 44 inches per 100 persons.**
- c) Tents used for assembly purposes, exits shall be provided on three (3) sides if the capacity exceeds 600 persons and on four (4) sides where the capacity exceeds 1,000 persons.

6) Heaters

- a) If heaters are to be used consult with the Marshfield Fire and Rescue Department.

7) Electrical

- a) Electrical systems in all tents shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of the Wisconsin state electrical code.
- b) The electrical system and equipment shall be isolated from the public by proper elevation and guarding. All electrical fuses and switches shall be installed in approved enclosures. Cables laid on the ground are in areas traversed by the public shall be placed in trenches or protected by approved covers.**
- c) It is recommended to contact the City of Marshfield Electrical Inspector for any clarifications or any additional requirements.