

Temporary Structures



The use of temporary structures for the sale of merchandise, assembly purposes or other activities requires a Special Events Permit issued by the County or respective Municipality. In most cases these permits are issued through the respective Planning & Zoning Departments of where the structure is located. It is best to contact the appropriate Planning & Zoning Department for details as to the process for their jurisdiction.

Palm Beach County Fire Rescue requires a fire and life safety inspection prior to occupying these structures. The local jurisdiction may require additional agency approvals such as Building and Code Enforcement. Requirements will differ depending upon the actual use.

Some common fire code requirements for tents and temporary structures include but are not limited to:

- Proper size and location of fire extinguishers
- Tent materials must have current flame retardant certification
- Exit signs and emergency lighting must be properly located and functioning
- Occupant loads posted, if applicable
- Generators for electric power must be properly located and fueling conducted in an appropriate manner

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