



FIRE PREVENTION STANDARD

OUTDOOR SPECIAL EVENTS

The San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District developed this standard pursuant to Chapter 1 section 104 of the California Fire Code as adopted and amended by ordinance. It is intended that this standard be used as a guide for establishing a reasonable degree of fire and life safety relative to Outdoor Special Events.

PURPOSE

To provide requirements for Outdoor Special Events.

GENERAL

Permits

1. A permit may be required for carnivals, fairs, special events, or food booths. Contact the Fire & Life Safety Division for more information.
2. A site plan is required for all applications. Site plan shall include the layout for the entire event.

Fire Department Access

1. All outdoor special events shall provide an unobstructed fire department access lane to accommodate emergency vehicle traffic of no less than 20 feet.
2. Fire hydrants and fire department connections (FDC's) shall have a minimum clearance of 3 feet on all sides from all outdoor event activities, structures and vehicles.

Food Booths

1. All fabrics or membranes covering food booths shall bear a conspicuous and durable label indicating the material is flame resistant.
2. Each food booth shall have an exit with minimum dimensions of 3' wide by 6'8" in height.
3. Each food booth shall have a minimum clearance of 10 feet on at least 2 sides of the booth.
4. Food booths shall not be located within 10 feet of amusement rides or devices.

Cooking Activities

1. Frying is prohibited inside food booths and shall be located a minimum of 10 feet from any booth and 3 feet from any open flame device.
2. Deep fat frying is only permitted in cooking appliances approved for deep fat frying with no open flame and a temperature regulating device.
3. BBQ and any open flame devices are prohibited inside food booths and shall be located 10 feet from any booth.
4. Griddles may be used in food booths if no grease-laden vapors are produced. Griddle shall be at least 6 inches from side on food booth.
5. Kettle corn and popcorn cookers are permitted inside food booths.

Fire Extinguishers

1. Each food booth shall be equipped with a fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A:10B:C.
2. Food booths with frying activities shall also have a Class K Type fire extinguisher.

Electrical Power

1. Generators shall be UL certified and placed in locations approved by SRVFPD for Outdoor Special Events use. Generator placement shall be a minimum of 20 feet away from tents and canopies and their locations shall be inaccessible to the public and cordoned off. Portable hand carried generators do not required being cordoned off but should be inaccessible to the public.
2. Each generator location shall be provided with a minimum 40B:C rating. The extinguisher shall be located near the generator and accessible at all times. Portable hand carried generators do not require an additional fire extinguisher.
3. Extension cords and cables shall be of a grounded type and approved for outdoor use. Extensions cords shall not be frayed, worn or in pedestrian traffic areas unless they are secured. Cables shall be protected by cable ramps to prevent trampling.

Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG)

1. LP-gas cylinders shall be located outside food booths and be a minimum of 5 feet away from booths.
2. LP-gas cylinders not in use shall be stored a minimum of 20 feet from booths.
3. LP-gas cylinders shall be secured from falling or tipping by placement in a wooden or plastic crate.
4. Gauges, hoses and fittings shall be approved or listed for their intended use.

Food Trucks

1. Trucks and trailers that are used for preparing food must have pre-engineered systems that have been serviced in the last 6 months. Tags must be attached to the system.
2. Trucks and trailers shall be equipped with a fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A:10B:C.
3. Trucks and trailers with frying activities shall also have a Class K Type fire extinguisher.