



CITY OF OSHKOSH FIRE DEPARTMENT

COOKING WITHIN TENTS & CANOPIES



All tents and canopies in which cooking operations are being performed shall be in compliance with the following guidelines:

1. All cooking operations shall be inspected and approved by the Fire Prevention Bureau prior to the initiation of cooking operations.
2. Cooking appliances covered by this guideline include, but is not limited to, grills, ranges, ovens, fryers, broilers, griddles, etc, which use solid, liquid or gas fuels. (*exception: the use of Sterno for the warming of food*).
3. All electrical cooking devices shall be in good working order. All installations shall comply with the National Electrical Code (NEC).
4. All cooking appliances shall be properly maintained and installed. They shall be vented to the outside of the tent and/or canopy. Approved spark arresters shall be installed when required. All vents and flues shall have at least a twelve (12) inch separation from all portions of the tent or canopy.

5. All tents and canopies in which cooking operations are performed shall be separated from all other tents, canopies or buildings by at least twenty (20) feet. This measurement shall be from tents/canopy stakes to tent/canopy stakes.
6. A Class “K” fire extinguisher shall be within thirty (30) feet of all cooking appliances that produce grease-laden vapors.
7. Any tent or canopy in which cooking operations are performed shall be for **cooking ONLY**.
Exception: A tent or canopy may be used for dining purposes in addition to cooking if the following requirements are satisfied:
 - A. Any grease-producing appliance shall have a Type I hood system.
 - B. A UL 300 compliant fire suppression system shall be provided within the hood system.
 - C. The fire suppression system shall have a current inspection certification.
 - D. A Class “K” fire extinguisher shall be within thirty (30) feet of all cooking appliances.
8. All LP gas containers shall be located outside of the tents or canopies.
 - A. Tanks with a capacity of 500 gallons or less shall be at least 10 feet from any tent, canopy, or building.
 - B. Tanks with a capacity greater than 500 gallons shall be at least 25 feet from any tent, canopy or building.
 - C. All LP gas tanks, piping, hoses, valves and fittings shall be adequately protected from tampering, vehicle collisions or other hazards. The tank(s) shall be in a location approved by the Fire Prevention Bureau.
 - D. “NO SMOKING” signs shall be posted at all LP tank locations
9. Generators and other internal combustion power sources shall be separated from any tent, canopy or building by at least twenty (20) feet.
10. All flammable/combustible liquids shall be safely and properly stored. This storage shall be at least a fifty (50) feet from any tent, canopy or building.
11. Outdoor cooking, (not within a tent or canopy), that produces sparks, flame or grease-laden vapors shall be done at least twenty (20) feet from any tent, canopy or building.