

Tent Guidance for Reopening

Portland Fire and Rescue is committed to enhancing safety and quality of life for residents and visitors of the City of Portland through permitting, inspections, trade licensing, and enforcement of the Portland Fire Code. For businesses seeking to use tents for outdoor dining this summer, Portland Fire & Rescue offers the following guidance:

Tents covering up to 700 square feet

A fire permit is not required to install a tent covering up to 700 square feet. Even when a permit is not required, tents must meet code requirements, such as using fire-retardant fabric and being anchored or weighted to resist wind. Multiple tents are considered together if they are within 12 feet of each other.

Tents covering more than 700 square feet

A [permit](#) is required from Portland Fire & Rescue for a tent that covers more than 700 square feet. (The area of tents that are within 12 feet of each other are added together). A detailed floor plan of the tent is [required](#) to be submitted with the permit application.

Cooking in tents

To protect against fire, open flames or other devices emitting flame, fire or heat or any flammable or combustible liquids, gas, charcoal or other cooking device or any other unapproved devices **shall not be permitted** inside or located within 20' of the tent/membrane structure while open to the public unless approved by the Fire Marshal's Office.

Duration

Tent permits are valid up to 180 days.

Operational guidelines

For the latest industry guidelines for phased reopening, please visit updates can be found at the State of Oregon's [reopening site](#).