

Ohio Building Code Requirements for Temporary Structures (Tents)

Section 3103.1.2 Approval required for TENTS AND MEMBRANE STRUCTURES.

1. Approval required for individual tents and membrane structures that cover an area in excess of 400 sq. ft. or multiple tents and membrane structures with an aggregate area in excess of 400 sq. ft. when adjacent tents or membrane structures are located within 12 ft. of each other.

Exceptions:

1. Tents used exclusively for recreational camping purposes
 2. Tents open on all sides when an individual tent does not exceed 700 sq. ft. or the aggregate area of multiple tents do not exceed 700 sq. ft. without a fire break clearance of 12 ft. and there is a minimum of 12 ft. clearance to all other structures and tents.
2. This includes: tents, membrane covered frame structures, and membrane covered cable structures. Circus tents, recreational and food service tents, and other similar tents are included.
 3. Construction Documents must be submitted with permit application to determine compliance and should contain the following:
 - a. Site plan indication location of tent, adjacent structures and size of tent. Site plan must delineate means of egress. (max travel distance 100') Exit signs are required for an occupant load exceeding 50 when enclosed by sides.
 - b. List occupant load.
 - c. Show details of anchorage.
 - d. Membrane material must be labeled material must be flame-resistant.
 - e. Fire extinguishers per the Ohio Fire Code – contact the City of Wooster Fire Division 330-263-5200 x332
 4. Permit fees: \$60.00 + \$1.80 (state fee) = \$61.80 total. Use a building permit application to apply for a temporary tent or membrane structure permit at: www.woosteroh.com