



Redlands Fire Department Fire Protection Guideline

Title: Christmas Tree and Pumpkin Patch Lots

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Scope: To provide a guideline on pumpkin patch and Christmas Tree lots.

Description: State and Local fire and life safety regulations require the fire department to conduct inspections of all Christmas tree and pumpkin patch lots. All regulations are pursuant California Administrative Code, Title 19, and California Fire Code.

All Christmas tree and pumpkin patch lots must be approved and permitted by the Redlands Fire Department. **The Fire Department shall determine the amount and type of fire protection in all Christmas tree and pumpkin patch lots.**

To obtain a permit, Christmas tree and pumpkin patch lot operators must meet the following requirements:

1. Combustible material used as ground cover, such as sawdust, must be kept damp.
2. “No Smoking” signs shall be posted throughout the area in a conspicuous location.
3. All electrical equipment i.e. generators or temporary power poles shall be approved by the building department prior to fire department approval.
4. Fire protection shall be provided. The number and type of extinguishers or garden hoses will be determined by a Fire Inspector. If extinguishers are used, they must be a 2½ gallon water or a minimum five-pound (5 lb.) dry chemical type. If a garden hose will be used, it must be charged at all times with a spray nozzle attached. The length of the hose must reach all areas of the lot.
5. The lot shall be cleared of weeds prior to set up and maintained in a fire safe condition.
6. An approved fused electrical source shall be provided. If extension cords are used, they shall be a minimum size of 12-gauge wire, have grounding capabilities and be UL (Underwriters Laboratories) approved for outdoor use.

Extension cords shall be in good condition without splices, deterioration or damage.

7. No open flame appliances or open fires will be permitted.



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8. Trash and debris shall be kept out of the sales area at all times and shall be disposed of periodically so as not to become a fire hazard.
9. No spray area shall be erected without a permit from the fire department. Spray areas shall conform to the standards as set forth in the California Fire Code and the National Fire Protection Association.
10. A tent or canopy permit shall be required from the fire department when tents exceed 200 square feet and when canopies exceed 400 square feet.

CHRISTMAS TREE FLAME RETARDANT REQUIREMENTS (California Code of Regulations, Title 19)

Application

Any person or firm desiring to engage in the business of, or perform for a fee the act of, applying a flame retardant chemical to any fabric or material shall first make application to the California State Fire Marshal for registration as a Flame Retardant Application Concern. Separate applications shall be submitted for each separate place of business. For further information regarding licensing requirements, contact the State Fire Marshal's Office at (626) 305-5173.

Chemicals

No Flame Retardant Application Concern shall apply a flame retardant chemical on a job governed by the scope of these regulations unless the Concern and the chemicals are registered with and approved by the State Fire Marshal.

Use

No Flame Retardant Application Concern shall apply any flame retardant chemical to any fabric or material for use governed by the scope of these regulations unless the Concern and the chemicals are registered with and approved by the State Fire Marshal.

Businesses with a California license to apply flame retardant should notify the Fire Prevention Bureau. The locations of licensed flame retardant businesses will be provided to the public upon request.