



City of Bothell™

PUBLIC INFORMATION HANDOUT **FP-24**

Heating Options

Requirements for Tents and Canopies

With cold weather quickly approaching, we want to aid your business by outlining a few fire code compliant options for heating your tents and canopies. **An application for tents and canopies larger than 400 sq. ft. is required and can be applied for at: bothellwa.gov/permitcenter**

OPEN FLAME HEATING NOT ALLOWED:

- Portable outdoor gas-fired appliances are prohibited inside tents and membrane structures
- Open flame devices and similar arrangements are not allowed inside or within 20 ft. of tents and membrane structures



PORTABLE SPACE HEATERS

- Can be electric or propane but should be setup outside of the tent. Warm air is ducted into the tent from the heater
- Need to be plugged directly into an approved plug-in or into a protected extension cord
- Should not be operated within 3 ft. of any combustible materials



This type of portable heater is the safest and most efficient type of heater for large tents.

OTHER PORTABLE HEATERS

- Portable heaters must have an automatic switch that shuts the unit off if it tips over on either side
- Heating equipment cannot obstruct exiting routes

FLAME RESISTANT TREATMENT/STANDARDS

- It is required that tents and membrane structures be flame retardant. "Flame retardant" does not mean the material will not burn. Flame retardant treatments are not intended to protect against ignition from large open-flame devices (like a furnace or open-flame heater)



These heaters must have an automatic shut off switch if tipped over.

Private residents are not required to have a permit.

Should you have any questions or need clarification, please contact City of Bothell's Fire Prevention Office at: **(425) 806-6250**.