



# FIRE PREVENTION STANDARD

## CHRISTMAS TREE LOTS

### SCOPE

This standard applies to the use of any area used for the temporary seasonal sale of cut trees.

### STANDARD

1. If utilizing tents or canopies they shall also comply with the Tents and Other Membrane Structures Code Summary. Individual permits are required for tents in excess of 400 square feet or canopies in excess of 700 square feet.
2. Rubbish and vegetation waste materials shall be placed in dumpsters and removed from site regularly.
3. Cut trees are to be stored and displayed outdoors unless commercially fire treated, tagged, and/or flocked. Any cut tree stored or displayed indoors shall be in a support device capable of containing water.
4. Storage of combustible materials and vegetation shall not be located within 10 feet (3048mm) of a property line.

### FIRE RETARDANT APPLICATIONS (When provided)

1. Christmas trees shall be properly treated with approved flame retardant either by or with a California State Fire Marshal licensed fire retardant applicator. If utilizing tents or canopies they shall also comply with the Tents and Other Membrane Structures Code Summary. Individual permits are required for tents in excess of 400 square feet or canopies in excess of 700 square feet.
2. Tree shall bear a tag stating:
  - a. Type of flame retardant treatment used
  - b. Name of person who applied the flame retardant
  - c. Name of person affixing the tag
  - d. Fire retardant treatment expiration date

### FIRE PROTECTION APPLIANCES

1. Provide a minimum one 2A10BC rated fire extinguisher, or a garden hose hooked up to a working water supply. The maximum travel distance to a portable fire extinguisher shall not exceed 75 feet (22 860mm). Water hose shall reach all areas of tree lot or area and have sufficient water and pressure for working spray effect.

## **ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. All electrical equipment and installations shall comply with the California Electrical Code. A Building Department Electrical Permit is required for new wiring.
2. Electrical connections to structures shall comply with the California Electrical Code.
3. When electrical hazards are identified, measures to correct such hazards shall be taken immediately.
4. Electrical wiring, devices, appliances, and other equipment which are modified or damaged and constitute an electrical shock or fire hazard shall not be used.
5. Electrical motors shall be maintained in a manner free from accumulations of oil, dirt, waste, and other debris which will interfere with required motor ventilation or create a fire hazard.
6. Electrical cords shall be sized based on the rated capacity of the portable appliance served and the maximum amp capacity of the electrical cord. Electrical cords shall be maintained in good condition without splices, deterioration, or damage. The electrical cord shall only serve one appliance.
7. Lights, electrical cords and appliances are required to be listed for “outdoor” use and rated by a recognized testing laboratory, such as UL.

## **MISCELLANEOUS FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

1. Internal Combustion power sources shall be isolated from contact with the public by physical guards, fencing, or an enclosure.
2. Fuel tanks shall be of adequate capacity to permit uninterrupted operation during normal operating hours. Refueling shall be conducted only when the appliance is not in use and the engine has cooled down sufficiently to inhibit ignition of vapors.
3. A “No Smoking Sign” be visibly posted in the area where cut trees are sold.