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Fire Safety Fact Sheet

Propane Pedestal Heaters

As COVID-19 has led to an increase in restaurants offering outdoor dining, there has been a look into outdoor dining extending into colder months. We have assembled this list to aid in your restaurant's decision to use these heaters safely. Please use this fact sheet as a guide, but please also refer to the manufacturer's instructions for safe maintenance and operation.

- Any fuel burning appliance must be commercially rated for the use with tents or canopies. Not all appliances are safe to use with a tent or canopy.
- Fuel burning appliances, such as these, are for outdoor use only, with attention to the clearances listed below. They **can not** be used under canopies or tents.
- Locations during use:
 - Maintain clearance of at least five feet horizontally from structures and overhangs.
 - Maintain a clearance of five feet vertically and horizontally from combustibles or as per manufacturer's specification and as per Fire Official approval.
 - Maintain a clearance of twenty feet from all tents and canopies or as per manufacturer's specification or per Fire Official approval conditions on the permit.
 - Do not block egress ways or sidewalks.
 - All heating units shall be adequately protected from accidental contact by a person, tampering, damage and unauthorized movement.
- Locations for storage:
 - Ensure that storage of the heaters is secure when not in use.
 - The storage of propane cylinders shall be approved by the Fire Official.
 - Cylinder storage must be at least five feet from an exit door.



Prior to approval the following must be submitted to the Fire Prevention office:

- Permit application can be completed on-line. Please use the "Fire Safety Permit Application."
- Include a drawing of the proposed layout of heaters, tables and canopies.
- The specifications of the heating unit(s) from the manufacturer.
- The proposed cylinder storage location.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Teaneck Fire Department, Bureau of Fire Prevention for assistance at 201-808-8080 Ext. 5200