ONTARIO FIRE DEPARTMENT
FIRE PROTECTION STANDARD

CHRISTMAS TREE LOTS

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

Permit Requirements

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

1. Combustible material used as ground cover, such as sawdust, must be kept damp.

2. 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 2 ½ gallon water type or a minimum 2A:10BC (5lb 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.

3. The lot shall be cleared of weeds prior to set up and maintained in a safe condition.

4. An approved fused electrical source shall be provided. If extension cords are used, they shall be a minimum of 12-gauge wire with grounding capabilities, and be UL (Underwriters Laboratories) approved for outdoor use. Extension cords shall be in good condition without splices, deterioration or damage.

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

6. 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.

7. No tent or spray booth shall be erected without an additional fire department permit for tents or spray booths. Tents and/or spray booths shall conform to the standards as set fourth in the California Fire Code and the National Fire Protection Association.

8. If there will be an RV/motor home on site, a minimum of one single station smoke alarm shall be located inside.

9. Gas cans must be of an approved type and stored away from all combustibles.

10. All chemicals must fall within exempt amounts or an additional fire department permit will be needed for storage of that chemical. Please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at (909) 395-2029 for more information regarding exempt amounts and proper storage requirements.

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 and the City of Ontario Business License Department at (909) 395-2022.

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 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.

COPIES: A copy of all paperwork shall be submitted to the Ontario Fire Department. Copies must also be kept on site at the Christmas tree lot.