



Temporary Campground Q&A Solar Eclipse Planning Guide

Monday, April 8, 2024 will be here before we know it! If you plan to provide public camping, complete the Temporary Campground Application and Plan Review Packet available on our website.

Here is a list of helpful information, specifically aimed to the anticipated magnitude of this event:

Q: When can I obtain an application and pay for a permit?

A: We urge you to reach out to our department as soon as possible to complete the application and plan review packet. This will help our department plan inspections, as well as contract services for waste disposal. Also note that the plans review application **MUST** be approved according to the Ohio Administrative Code 3701-26 requirements prior to licensing.

Q: How detailed should the fire response plan be?

A: Written verification is required for plan approval. Written verification from the fire protection authority with jurisdiction should state that adequate fire protection can be provided to the temporary campground. This written verification states that if the fire department would receive a call, it is in their jurisdiction, and they would respond to it like any other emergency. This could be an email or written letter. Without written verification, the plans will be disapproved and no license can be issued, according to law.

Q: How do we manage sewage disposal for campers and RV's?

A: The operator (license holder) cannot permit any individual within the temporary campground to create a sewage nuisance—which means that sewage must be disposed of according to law. Here is a list of options:

1. Contract the services of a registered septage hauler to pump holding tanks. If this service is used, a service contract will need to be kept of file and provided in the Plan Review Packet with the application. The information on the contact will include where the waste will be disposed. Contact our office for a list of registered septage haulers.
2. No domestic sewage (from the campsite) may be hauled on the public roadways unless by a registered septage hauler.
3. Domestic sewage can be hauled from individual holding tanks of RVs and portable camping units on site and within the campground to an on-site dump station.