

OFFICE OF
THE
DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF



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WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS 01089

2023 Fire Prevention Regulations for Agricultural Shows

1. **NO SMOKING** is allowed inside any building or temporary structure including the Coliseum, Barns, and Mallary Complex.
2. **BURLAP** material is **NOT** allowed as backdrops or table coverings. All fabric used as backdrops and/or table coverings must be flame retardant. Use of spray flame retardant is acceptable.
3. All decorations must be non-flammable as certified by a National Testing Laboratory or, when permitted, rendered non-flammable by a topical flame retardant.
4. **EZ-UP Tents**, if used, must have flame retardant ratings. No vendor **shall** set up more than (2) ten foot by 10 foot tents next to each other. No show layout **shall** have more than 20 feet of tent space without a 10 foot of non-tent space in between
5. Devices utilizing open flame are **not permitted under any circumstances**
6. All lights and electrical mechanisms **shall** have a UL label. Extension cords **shall** be UL listed, and must be proper wire gauge (AWG) and **NOT** overloaded with electrical devices. No home extension cords may be used.
7. Electrical devices **shall not** be permitted to be in direct contact with combustible materials such as wood chips, hay/straw bales, and decorations
8. Electrical devices **shall not** be left unattended, i.e. displays utilizing lights and electrical mechanisms **shall** be shut-off or unplugged at the end of the show.
9. Flammable liquids and gasses (Propane, Butane, etc.) are not permitted in the buildings. Non-flammable gas cylinders, such as helium, shall be supported by metal stands or secured by a proper chain
10. Corn stalks, hay bales, and bark mulch are **NOT** permitted for display purposes. Large wood chips, coarse bark mulch may be used in barns but **shall** be kept damp at all times.
11. Live trees and vegetation shall be bailed and watered daily. **Prior to set-up, approval must be granted by the West Springfield Fire Department - Fire Prevention Office.**
12. **No** gasoline or diesel powered motorized vehicles are allowed in the buildings (ie. golf carts and scooters)
13. **No** large round or square bales of hay or straw and/or open piles of silage or haylage are allowed. Feed bedding material must be bagged and bailed in small square or round bales (less than 400 lbs)
14. Feed and bedding material is **not allowed** on the floor of any aisle for display purposes including wood shavings, sawdust, peat moss, and loose straw
15. Coverings are **not allowed** over aisles, such as banners, farm signs, and EZ-UP tents

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16. All aisles **shall** be a minimum of 10 feet in width and **shall** remain free of obstructions at all times.
17. Aisle display widths are not to exceed 30 inches from each side in the main aisles and 24 inches from each side of the inside aisles
18. No excessive accumulation of rubbish or litter is allowed
19. All exits and fire lanes shall remain unobstructed and free at all times per 527 CMR 1.00 (MA State Fire Code)
20. All fire alarm pull stations, fire extinguishers, sprinkler heads and any other fire protection devices or equipment shall be free and clear of obstructions and readily visible per 527 CMR 1.00 (MA State Fire Code)
21. No signs, decorations, or products **shall** be attached to any part of the automatic fire sprinkler system.


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