CRESSKILL FIRE DEPARTMENT
DIVISION OF FIRE PREVENTION

Fire Safety Fact Sheet

Fire Permits Required

For many hazards a Fire Permit is required in the state of New Jersey. Permits are required on a per-event or annual basis and may be separate from the locations Life Hazard Use registration. Permits must be applied-for and approved prior to the occurrence which requires the permit. Permit types and fees are based on their hazard classification.

Annual Permits

TYPE I PERMIT - $54.00

• Welding or cutting operations except where the welding or cutting is performed in areas approved for welding by the Fire Official and is registered as a Type B Life Hazard Use (LHU).

• The storage or handling of class I flammable liquids in closed containers of aggregate amounts of more than 10 gallons, but not more than 660 gallons inside a building, or more than 60 gallons, but not more than 660 gallons outside a building.

• The storage or handling of class II or IIIA combustible liquids in closed containers of aggregate amounts of more than 25 gallons, but not more than 660 gallons inside a building, or more than 60 gallons, but not more than 660 gallons outside a building.

• Any permit cooking operations that requires a suppression system in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:70-4.7(g) and is not defined as a life hazard use in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.4

• Unoccupied or vacant building or structure 2,500 square feet or more, but less than 12,000 square feet, in gross floor area.

TYPE II PERMIT - $214.00

• Storage outside of buildings of LP-gas cylinders when a part of a cylinder exchange program.

• Unoccupied or vacant buildings or structures 12,000 square feet or more, but less than 100,000 square feet, in gross floor area.

TYPE III PERMIT - $427.00

• Unoccupied or vacant buildings or structures 100,000 square feet or more in gross floor area.

TYPE IV PERMIT - $641.00

• Storage or use at normal temperature and pressure of more than 2,000 cubic feet of flammable compressed gas or 6,000 cubic feet of nonflammable compressed gas.

• The storage of more than 10 gallons of liquid oxygen, flammable cryogenic liquids, or cryogenic oxidizers, or non-flammable cryogenic liquids.

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• Storage, handling, or use of more than 660 gallons of flammable, combustible, or unstable liquids.

• TO STORE OR HANDLE: o More than 55 gallons of corrosive liquids.

o More than 500 pounds of oxidizing material

o More than 10 pounds of organic peroxides

o More than 500 pounds of nitromethane

o More than 1,000 pounds of ammonium nitrate

o More than one microcurie of radium not contained in a sealed source

o More than one millicurie of radium or other radiation material in a sealed source or sources

o Any amount of radioactive material for which a specific license from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is required

o More than 10 pounds of flammable solids

Per-Event Permits

TYPE I PERMIT - $54.00

• Open Flame – Cooking.

• Open Flame – Bonfires.

• Open Flame – Torch work for paint removal or roof work.

• Open Flame – Public Gathering for entertainment, amusement or recreation.

• Open Flame – For the training of non-fire services personnel.

• Tents and Canopies: o Any tent greater than 900 square feet or 30 feet in any dimension whether single or multiple tents.

o Any tent with bleachers more than 11 feet in height.

o Note: Tents may be subject to the uniform construction code (UCC) permitting based on use date range, dimensions and total square footage.

• Welding or cutting operations wherein an annual permit has not been applied for.

• Overnight stays in any Group A-4 Place of Worship used as a temporary shelter.

• The occasional use of a multipurpose room with a maximum permitted occupancy of 100 persons or more for amusement, entertainment or mercantile purposes.

• Using a commercial farm building (per UCC) as a place of public assembly for no more than 15 days in a calendar year.

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• The temporary use of a building or any portion thereof as a special amusement building for no more than 15 days in a calendar year.

• An outdoor combustible maze which is less than 6 feet in height, lacks a roof and does not contain any electrical equipment.

  o Mazes composed of living rooted vegetation such as trees or corn stalks do not require a permit.

  o Mazes up to 42 inches in height composed of bales of hay or straw do not require permits.

• Possession or use of explosives other than for model rocketry.

TYPE II PERMIT - $214.00

• Fumigation or thermal insecticide fogging

• Carnivals and circuses using mobile enclosed structures for human occupancy

• The use of any building or portion thereof of a Life Hazard Use for mercantile purposes on a temporary basis.

• The storage or retail sales of any pyrotechnic devices such as sparkers and novelties whereas the content exceeds 125 pounds.

TYPE III PERMIT - $427.00

• The storage, discharging or handling of fireworks

Notes:

• Type IV Permits are not required when the storage or activity in incidental or auxiliary to the agricultural use of a farm property

• Permits are not required for K-12 Education or a camp accommodating six or more children of school age when such uses are registered as Life Hazard Uses and the activity is consistent with the designated and intended use of the building or premises.