

## Tents for Outdoor Dining in Stamford

The following rules apply only to outdoor dining permitted under the Governor's Executive order 7MM for tents that have no sides and only for the duration of the State of Emergency due to COVID-19. Before you can erect a tent for outdoor dining you need an Outdoor Dining Permit. Don't have a permit? [Apply here](#)

### Tents prohibited

For outdoor dining permitted under the Governor's Executive Order 7.MM, tents must not have sides

### Tents that don't need a permit

- Tents on private property with less than 144 sf
- Make sure tents are secured pursuant to the manufacturer's instructions
- Tents must be five feet from any interior (=your neighbors) property line

### Tents that require a Zoning Permit

- Pop-up tents on public property (sidewalks, streets, parks, etc.) with more than 144 sf
  - Tents on private property with more than 144 sf
  - Tents smaller than 400 sf must be five feet from any interior (=your neighbors) property line. Tents larger than 400 sf must be setback 20 feet from a property line and parked cars
  - Make sure tents are secured pursuant to the manufacturer's instructions
  - Must leave sufficiently wide walkways (6' min)
- Need to get a zoning permit? If you already have an Outdoor Dining Permit, send an updated sketch plan showing the tent(s). SKETCH PLAN MUST SHOW DIMENSIONS, STREETS, BUILDINGS – YOU CAN USE THE SKETCH PLAN YOU SUBMITTED FOR THE OUTDOOR DINING PERMIT. IF YOU HAVEN'T APPLIED FOR AN OUTDOOR DINING PERMIT, SHOW THE PROPOSED TENTS ON YOUR SKETCH PLAN AND UPLOAD IT AS PART OF THE OUTDOOR DINING PERMIT APPLICATION

### Tents that require a Building Permit

- Tents on private property larger than 700 sf (per tent or combined area of multiple tents)
- Must be at least 12 feet from any building or other structure (including other tents)
- Make sure tents are secured pursuant to the manufacturer's instructions

NEED A BUILDING PERMIT? Go here: <https://www.stamfordct.gov/building-department/news/access-view-permit>