

Policy for Special Event Camping Areas

Special Event Camping Areas are recreational camping areas as defined in Minnesota Statute, Chapter 327, Section 327.1, Subd. 8, used for 14 consecutive days or less, and not more than twice annually by people attending or working at events such as county fairs, flea markets, music festivals, sporting events or other community festivals or gatherings. Recreational camping areas that meet the definition of a Special Event Camping Area must meet the requirements of this part.

Licensing Requirements

License applications and fees must be submitted to the appropriate regulatory authority at least 14 days prior to operating a special event camping area. The following information must be included on the license application form:

- In Special Event Camping Areas (SECA) recreational camping vehicles and tents, including their attachments, must be separated from each other and other structures by at least ten (10) feet.
- In SECA a minimum site area of 1,000 square feet per site must be provided. The total number of sites must not exceed one site for every 1,000 square feet of usable land area.
- Each SECA site must abut or face a driveway or clear unoccupied space of at least 16 feet in width, which space must have unobstructed access to a public roadway.
- If no approved onsite water supply system is available, hauled water may be used, provided that Minnesota Rules, part 4720.2600, (rules for water haulers), is complied with.
- Non-buried sewer lines may be permitted provided they are of approved materials, watertight, and properly maintained.
- If a sanitary dumping station is not provided on site, arrangements must be made with a licensed sewage disposal system or approved portable toilets or approved properly constructed privies.
- Toilets must be provided in the ration on one toilet for each sex for each 150 sites. Toilets must be not more than 400 feet from any site.
- If a central building or buildings are provided with running water; toilets and hand washing lavatories must be provided in accordance with the above ratio. Showers, if provided, must be provided in the ratio of one shower for each sex for each 250 sites. Showerheads must be provided where running water is available for each camping event exceeding two nights.
- Central toilet/shower buildings, if provided, must be constructed with adequate heating, ventilation, and lighting; and floors of impervious material sloped to drain. Walls must be of washable material. Permanent facilities must meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- An adequate number of durable, covered, watertight containers must be provided for all garbage and refuse.
- Garbage and refuse must be collected as often as necessary to prevent nuisance conditions.
- SECA must be located in areas free of poison ivy or other noxious weeds considered detrimental to health.
- SECA sites must not be located in areas of tall grass or weeds and sites must be adequately drained.
- A responsible attendant or caretaker must be available on site for any SECA that has 50 or more sites. Any SECA must have a responsible attendant or caretaker as specified in Minnesota Rules, part 4630.0300