

LPG Outdoor Patio Heater Requirements

Definitions:

Canopy - A structure, enclosure or shelter constructed of fabric or pliable materials supported by any manner, except by air or the contents it protects, and it without sidewalls or drops on 75% or more of the perimeter.

Tent - A structure, enclosure or shelter constructed of fabric or pliable material supported by any manner, except by air or the contents it protects.

The following will be the Nassau County Fire Marshal's Office policy regarding the requirements for the use of LPG Outdoor Patio Heaters; this shall apply to new and existing locations utilizing this equipment:

Container Storage Forbidden - No container of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG-propane) either in use or in storage will be permitted inside or on the roof or balcony of any occupied building or in or on any construction *attached* to an occupied building. Storage of containers must be outside of the building, at least twenty-five (25) feet from any building. Storage to be either a noncombustible, top and bottom vented structure, or surrounded by a substantial metal fence enclosure. Sure enclosure to be adequately secured against access by unauthorized persons. (*Nassau County Fire Prevention Ordinance, Article VI, section 6.4(e)*)

Temporary and Permanent Tents, Canopies Membrane Structures:

- **Open or exposed flame.** Open flame or other devices emitting flame, fire or heat or any flammable or combustible liquids, gas, charcoal or other cooking device or any other unapproved devices shall not be permitted inside or located within twenty **(20)feet** of the tent, canopy or membrane structures while open to the public. (*Fire Code of NYS Section 2404.7*)
- **Location.** Heating equipment shall not be located within ten **(10) feet** of exits or combustible materials. (*Fire Code of NYS Section 2404.15.3*)

Nassau County Fire Marshal's Office Interpretation – Outdoor Patio Heaters utilizing LPG (propane) as its fuel source shall not be operated under any tent, canopy or membrane structure that is *open to the public*. These LPG patio heaters shall not be located within ten (10) feet of exits or combustible materials and shall not be operated on any combustible construction, balconies or decks attached to an occupied structure.

Spare LPG (propane) containers shall be stored in accordance with the NCFPO Article VI, section 6.4(e).

The equipment involved shall be inspected on a case by case to determine the needs and requirements of each individual location. This letter of codes and requirements shall not be applied as a general approval or disapproval of any installation, but shall be used as an instrument to determine conformance or non-conformance with the Fire Code of New York State and the Nassau County Fire Prevention Ordinance. It should be understood that there may be more restrictive codes and regulations by other government agencies or local towns, villages or cities.