

What type of permit do I need for my business?

Common permits are:

- Places of Assembly
- Hot Work
- Businesses that deal in Hazardous Materials
- Storage of LP gas greater than 500-gallons
- Mobile Food Preparation Vehicles
- Repair Garages or Service Station
- Temporary structure greater than 900 square feet (84 m²)
- Open burning
- Exhibits and Trade Shows
- Combustible Dust producing Operations
- Compressed Gas
- Cutting and Welding

If you have any questions, please call the Office of the Fire Marshal- 804-365-4850

My business deals with Hazardous Materials, do I need a permit?

Yes, a permit application is needed for any hazardous materials and/or hazardous activity. This form is required whenever a location has or will have hazardous materials over the amounts indicated in the Permit Amounts table. Please refer to permit definitions ([Link](#))

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Do I need a permit for my Tent?

A permit from the Office of the Fire Marshal is required prior to the assembly of tents, canopies, and temporary membrane structures having an area in excess of 900 square feet. The 900 square feet is applicable to any single, stand-alone structure or the total square footage of structures directly attached to each other.



Awning: An architectural projection that provides weather protection, identity or decoration and is wholly supported by the building to which it is attached. This page does not address the installation or use of any awnings. Awnings are regulated by the International Building Code.



Tent: A tent is a temporary structure, enclosure or shelter constructed of fabric or pliable material supported by any manner except by air or the contents it protects.



Canopy: A canopy is a temporary structure, enclosure or shelter constructed of fabric or pliable materials supported by any manner, except by air or the contents it protects, and is open without side walls or drops on 75 percent or more of the perimeter.



Membrane Structure: A membrane structure is an air-inflated, air-supported, cable, or frame-covered structure as defined by the International Building Code, which is erected for fewer than 180 days and not otherwise defined as a tent, canopy or awning.