



City of Santa Barbara
Fire Prevention Bureau

Christmas Tree Lot Requirements

2019 California Fire Code as adopted by ordinance #5920

Any individual desiring to operate a Christmas Tree lot is required to obtain a permit from the City of Santa Barbara at 630 Garden Street. A site plan must be submitted for review and approval by the Fire Department and the Department of Building and Safety. A permit is not required for lots established as an adjunct to an existing retail business.

All Christmas tree lots will be inspected for the following requirements:

- Lots must be completely free of brush and rubbish, or other accumulations.
- A portable fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A10BC shall be provided on each lot for every 75 feet of travel distance.
- Electrical wiring to conform to the California Electrical Code.
- A separate permit must be obtained from the Fire Prevention Bureau for erecting a tent in excess of 400 square feet, or any canopy in excess of 700 square feet.
- All tents or similar fabric-type structures must be of an approved flame-retardant material.
- Use of propane heating appliances shall be reviewed and approved by the Fire Marshal's Office.
- A clear and unobstructed space of at least 5 feet shall be maintained around the exterior of the lot.
- Ample aisles and exit ways are to be maintained throughout the lot area.
- Smoking is prohibited in hazardous areas. "No Smoking" signs shall be posted.
- Use of warming fires is not permitted.
- All lots must be completely cleared by December 31 of each year.