



Fire Safety Fact Sheet

Propane Pedestal Heaters

As restaurants are now offering outdoor dining there has been an increase into outdoor dining extending into colder months. We have assembled this list to aid in your restaurant's decision to use these heaters safely. Please use this fact sheet as a guide but please also refer to the manufacturer's instructions for safe maintenance and operation.

- Fuel burning appliances, such as these, are for outdoor use only, with attention to the clearances listed below. They cannot be used under canopies or tents.
- The fuel burning appliance must be commercially rated.
- Locations during use:
 - Maintain clearance of at least five feet horizontally from structures and overhangs.
 - Maintain a clearance of three feet vertically and two feet horizontally from combustibles or as per manufacturer's specification and as per Fire Official approval.
 - Maintain a clearance of twenty feet from all tents and canopies.
 - Do not block egress ways or sidewalks
 - Damaged units, or units missing deflectors, must be repaired or replaced as per manufacturers specifications.
- Locations for storage:
 - Ensure that storage of the heaters is secure when not in use, prevents the units from falling, and does not obstruct a means of egress.
 - Indoor storage of propane cylinders is prohibited, unless approved by the Fire Official.
 - Indoor storage of cylinders may not be in a basement.
 - Cylinder storage must be at least five feet from an exit door.



Prior to approval the following must be submitted to the Summit Fire Department:

- Type 1 Permit application completed and submitted, with payment of \$54.
 - <https://www.cityofsummit.org/DocumentCenter/View/281/Fire-Safety-Permit-Application-PDF>
- A copy of the drawing of the proposed layout submitted for city license.
- The specifications of the heating unit(s)
- The proposed cylinder storage location

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Summit Fire Prevention for assistance at 908-277-9358.