

CHAPTER 16

ORGANIZED CAMPS AND CAMPGROUNDS

ARTICLE A GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 16-1 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

CAMPGROUND - Any portion of land used for the purpose of providing a space or spaces for trailers or tents, for camping purposes regardless of whether a fee has been charged for the leasing, renting or occupancy of such space.

GARBAGE - All putrescible wastes, except sewage and body waste, including animal and vegetable offal.

ORGANIZED CAMP - A combination of programs and facilities established for the primary purpose of providing an outdoor group living experience for children, youth, and/or adults, with social, recreational, and educational objectives and operated and used for five or more consecutive days during one or more seasons of the year.

PERSON - Any individual, firm, partnership, company, corporation, trustee, association, county, authority, the Commonwealth, or any public or private entity.

REFUSE - All nonputrescible wastes generally regarded and classified as rubbish, trash, junk and similar designations which have been rejected by the owner or possessor as useless or worthless.

SANITARY STATION - A facility used for disposing of sewage from trailer holding tanks.

SEWAGE - Any substance which contains any of the waste products, excrement or other discharge from the bodies of human beings or animals.

SEWERAGE SYSTEM - Any community or individual system, publicly or privately owned, for the collection and disposal of sewage and industrial

wastes of a liquid nature, including various devices for the treatment of such sewage or industrial wastes.

TENT - A portable lodging unit usually made of skins, canvas, plastic or strong cloth stretched and usually sustained by poles, and dependent upon separate toilet and lavatory facilities.

TRAILER - A vehicular portable structure built, or designed to be mounted, on a chassis or wheels, or constructed as an integral part of a self-propelled vehicle for use as a temporary dwelling for travel, recreation and vacation and commonly known as travel trailers, pick-up coaches, motor homes or camping trailers.

TRAILER OR TENT SPACE - A parcel of land in an organized camp or campground for the placement of a single trailer or tent and the exclusive use of its occupants.

WATER SUPPLY - A source or sources of water, and any or all water treatment, storage, transmission and distribution facilities.

Section 16-2 Submission of plans

- a. Before work is begun in the construction, remodeling or alteration of an organized camp or campground or in the conversion of an existing establishment or facility to an organized camp or campground, properly prepared plans and specifications shall be submitted to and approved by the applicable Department.

- b. The plans and specifications shall include, where applicable, data relating to the grounds; buildings; equipment; sewage disposal; water supply; including plumbing; refuse disposal and such other information as may be required by the applicable Department.

Section 16-3 **Waiver of requirements**

The Department may waive compliance with one or more provisions of this Chapter for specific events as long as the lives and health of the public or the persons on the premises will not be adversely affected thereby.

Section 16-4 Food service

Where food service is provided in an organized camp or campground, the food service facilities and operations shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 4 of these Rules and Regulations.

Section 16-5 Water supply

- a. All water used in the operation of an organized camp or campground shall be provided from a supply approved by the Department and the Department of Environmental Protection. Approval of a water supply shall be based upon satisfactory compliance with construction standards for water supplies approved by the Department and the Department of Environmental Protection.
- b. The water supply shall be adequate in quantity and shall meet the bacteriological and chemical water standards of the Department and the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act.
- c. An unapproved water supply shall be made inaccessible to the public in a manner deemed satisfactory to the Department.

Section 16-6 Plumbing

- a. Plumbing shall be so sized, installed and maintained as to carry adequate quantities of water to required locations throughout the organized camps or campground and to properly convey sewage and liquid wastes from the establishment to the sewerage or sewage disposal system.
- b. Plumbing shall serve to prevent contamination of the water supply and shall not create an unsanitary condition or nuisance.

Section 16-7 Sewage disposal

All sewage disposal systems serving an organized camp or campground shall be approved by the Department. Approval shall be based upon satisfactory compliance with the provisions of Chapter 15 of these Rules and Regulations.

Section 16-8 Bathing places

The construction, modification, maintenance and operation of any bathing place in an organized camp or campground shall be subject to the provisions of the Public Bathing Law (35 P.S. § 672 et seq.) and the rules and regulations of the Department.

Section 16-9 Vector control

Adequate measures for the control of arthropods and rodents which the Department deems a public health hazard shall be taken in a manner satisfactory to the Department.

ARTICLE B PERMITS

Section 16-10 General requirement

No person shall operate at any place within this County, and no person shall permit to be operated on his premises within this County, any organized camp or campground unless the operator or owner possesses a valid permit from the Department.

Section 16-11 Application

Application for a permit shall be made to the Department on forms provided by the Department.

Section 16-12 Issuance

- a. The Department will issue a permit for the operation of an organized camp or campground if it is satisfied that the provisions of this Chapter have been met.
- b. The permit shall be valid for one calendar year from date of issuance unless revoked or suspended by the Department.
- c. A separate permit shall be issued for each organized camp site or campground and shall not be transferable or assignable.

Section 16-13 Revocation and suspension

- a. A permit may be revoked or suspended at any time if the Department finds that the organized camp or campground is maintained, operated or occupied in violation of any provision of this Chapter.
- b. The Department may order an organized camp or campground to close and cease operation if a situation is present which is inimical to the health of the occupants.

ARTICLE C TOILET FACILITIES

Section 16-14 General requirements

All organized camps and campgrounds shall provide toilet facilities on the premises for the public which are separate for each sex.

Section 16-15 Design

All toilet facilities, including rooms and fixtures, shall be of a sanitary design and readily cleanable.

Section 16-16 Maintenance

All toilet facilities shall be kept in a clean condition and in good repair.

Section 16-17 Toilet room

Each toilet room shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) Doors shall be self-closing
- (2) Adequate ventilation to the outside shall be provided.
- (3) Toilet tissue shall be provided
- (4) Easily cleanable receptacles shall be provided for waste materials.
- (5) Receptacles for women shall be covered.

Section 16-18 Organized camps

- a. Toilet facilities in organized camps shall be provided in the ratios indicated in the following table:

Number of Persons	Number of Toilet Seats		Number of Lavatories		Number of Urinals
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
1-20	1	2	1	2	1
Each additional 20 persons	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1

- b. Urinals for males or urinals specifically designed for females may be provided in lieu of toilet seats but shall not consist of more than 1/3 of the required number of toilet seats.
- c. Organized camps which do not provide overnight lodging and serve a minimum of one meal per day shall not be subject to the requirements in subsection (a) of this section but shall provide toilet and lavatory facilities as deemed adequate by the Department.

Section 16-19 Campgrounds

- a. Toilet facilities in campgrounds shall be in addition to the requirements for sanitary stations as indicted in Section 16-20 and shall be provided in the ratios indicated in the following table:

Number of Tent or Trailer Spaces	Number of Toilet Seats		Number of Lavatories		Number of Urinals
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
1-15	1	1	1	1	1
16-30	1	2	1	2	1
31-45	2	2	3	3	1
46-60	2	3	3	3	1
61-80	3	4	4	4	2
81-100	3	4	4	4	2
Each additional 1-100 spaces	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1

- b. Urinals specifically designed for females may also be provided in lieu of toilet seats, but for not more than 1/3 of the required number of toilet seats.

Section 16-20 General requirements

All new organized camp or campground operations which provide parking spaces for trailers shall provide sanitary stations in order that the removal and disposing of sewage from trailer holding tanks shall be accomplished in a sanitary manner.

Section 16-21 Ratio

Each new organized camp or campground shall provide a sanitary station in the ratio of one for every 100 trailer spaces or fractional part thereof.

Section 16-22 Construction

Each sanitary station shall consist of at least the following:

- (1) A four-inch sewer pipe which shall be connected to an approved sewage disposal system, surrounded at the inlet end by a concrete apron sloped to drain.

- (2) A suitable fly-tight cover which shall be provided on the four-inch sewer pipe.
- (3) A water outlet, with the necessary appurtenances and connected to a water supply system to permit a wash down of the immediate adjacent areas after each use.

ARTICLE D GARBAGE AND REFUSE

Section 16-23 Collection

The collection of all garbage and refuse shall be conducted in a sanitary manner and as often as necessary in order to prevent a nuisance.

Section 16-24 Storage

- a. All garbage and refuse containing food wastes shall, prior to disposal, be kept in leak-proof, nonabsorbent, rust and corrosion-resistant containers of adequate number, which shall be kept covered with tight-fitting lids when filled or stored or not in continuous use, but any other manner of garbage and refuse storage may be used if approved by the Department.
- b. All other refuse shall be stored in containers, rooms or areas of sufficient number and size in a manner so as to prevent arthropod or rodents problems and other nuisances.

Section 16-25 Disposal

When disposal of garbage or refuse is accomplished within or upon the premises of the organized camp or campground, the disposal facilities shall be operated and maintained so as to not create a nuisance or a health hazard.

Section 16-26 Cleaning of area

Adequate cleaning facilities shall be provided, and each container, room or area shall be thoroughly cleaned after each emptying or removal of garbage and refuse.