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SAFETY AND SANITATION FOR LARGE OUTDOOR EVENT REGULATION ***SUMMARY***

On March 4, 2014, the Plympton Board of Health voted to start issuing permits for large outdoor events based on guidance from other towns. Regulations requiring Safety and Sanitation Plans for Large Outdoor Events are already in place in other towns. The authority to propose and adopt regulations is found at M.G. L. c. 111 § 31: Boards of health may make reasonable health regulations.

The Plympton Board of Health now requires that outdoor events requiring any kind of permit(s) from the Town of Plympton and are longer than four hours and/or are expected to have more than two hundred people in attendance shall have an Outdoor Event Safety and Sanitation Plan approved by the Plympton Board of Health. Guidance and an inspection checklist for these events are supplied by the Board.

Although smaller events do not require this approved plan, a shorter version is available for anyone to use as guidance.



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Large Outdoor Events: Permits Now Required

To the owners of and planners of large outdoor events,

Large outdoor events can become time consuming for the health agent, especially when the event is new or when there are many food vendors or when food vendors change from one show to another. The Plympton Board of Health does not issue temporary permits to food vendors when the people are new and equipment and/trucks have not been inspected. People must be interviewed regarding the menu, paperwork collected and equipment inspected while in use.

Starting in 2014 there will be a permit issued, with a fee, for large outdoor events to the owner of the land. (Payment for the permit can be collected from the organizer of the event by the owner.)

For shows/events with multiple dates, the permit will cost the same as other events, only if all food vendors are the same and have been inspected that season by the health agent. If the food vendors change, then another permit fee will be collected from the property owner and a new permit issued. This fee is to cover the additional time spent by the health agent and administrative assistant in response to those changes and the time spent by other departments to use the regulation's checklists to ensure the safety of these large gatherings.

In summary, the permit will cost **\$250** per event. That same fee will also cover a whole season of similar events if there are no substantial changes to the plan requiring additional inspections by Board of Health or Building Inspector or Fire or Police Departments. Substantial changes to the plans of the event requiring additional inspections will be charged the fee of **\$250** again, and a new permit issued.

Please make sure to allow at least a month's time, at a minimum, for each/any permit.

Also, please be reminded that all food vendors must apply at least one month before the event for their permits and inspections.

Thank you,
Cathleen Drinan, Health Agent