

## CHESTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

### §402. CONTROL OF SANITATION IN ORGANIZED CAMPS AND CAMPGROUNDS.

#### 402.1. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

**402.1.1 PURPOSE.** The purpose of this Section is to provide for the protection of the public health and welfare by establishing regulations regarding the use and maintenance of organized camps and campgrounds, in the manner provided herein.

#### 402.1.2. DEFINITIONS.

**402.1.2.1. "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 leasing, renting, or occupancy of such space.

**402.1.2.2. "Garbage":** All putrescible wastes (except sewage and body waste); including but not limited to animal and vegetable offal.

**402.1.2.3. "Organized Camp":** A combination of programs and facilities established for the primary purpose of providing an outdoor group living experience for children, youths, and adults, with social, recreational, and educational objectives, and operated and used for five (5) or more consecutive days during one or more seasons of the year.

**402.1.2.4. "Plumbing":** Gas pipes and gas burning equipment, water heating facilities, water pipes, garbage disposal units, waste pipes, water closets, sinks, lavatories, bathtubs, shower baths, catch basins, drains, vents, and other similar supply fixtures, together with all connections to water, sewer, and gas lines.

**402.1.2.5. "Refuse":** All nonputrescible wastes generally regarded and classified as rubbish, trash, junk, and similar designations.

**402.1.2.6. "Sanitary station":** A facility used for disposing of sewage from trailer holding tanks.

**402.1.2.7. "Sewage":** Any substance that contains any of the waste products or excrements or other discharge from the bodies of human beings or animals, and any noxious or deleterious substance being harmful or inimical to: the public health; animal or aquatic life; or the use of water for domestic water supply or for recreation.

**402.1.2.8. "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.

**402.1.2.9. "Tent":** A portable lodging unit usually made of skins, canvas, plastic, or strong cloth, which is stretched and usually sustained by poles, and which is dependent upon separate toilet and lavatory facilities.

**402.1.2.10. "Trailer":** A vehicular, portable structure which is built on, or designed to be built 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.

**402.1.2.11. "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.

**402.1.2.12. "Water Supply":** A source or sources of water, as well as any and all water treatment, storage, transmission, and distribution facilities.

### **402.1.3. SUBMISSION OF PLANS TO DEPARTMENT.**

**402.1.3.1.** 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, two (2) sets of properly prepared plans and specifications shall be submitted to and approved by the Department.

**402.1.3.2.** 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 Department.

**402.1.4. FOOD SERVICE.** Where food service is provided in an organized camp or campground, the food service facilities and operations shall comply with the relevant provisions of Chapter 300 (relating to food), of these Rules and Regulations.

### **402.1.5. WATER SUPPLY.**

**402.1.5.1.** All water used in the operation of an organized camp or campground shall be provided from a supply approved by the Department. Approval of a water supply shall be based upon satisfactory compliance with the Department's standards for water supplies, as they are promulgated in Chapter 500. §501. of these Rules and Regulations.

**402.1.5.2.** The water supply shall be a minimum of 50 gallons/person/day and shall meet the Department's bacteriological and chemical water standards, as found in Chapter 500. §501.

**402.1.5.3.** An unapproved water supply shall be made inaccessible to the public in a manner deemed satisfactory to the Department.

#### **402.1.6. PLUMBING.**

**402.1.6.1.** Plumbing shall be so sized, installed, and maintained as: to carry adequate quantities of water to required locations throughout the organized camp or campground; and, to properly convey sewage and liquid wastes from the establishment to the sewerage or sewage disposal system.

**402.1.6.2.** Plumbing shall serve to prevent contamination of the water supply, and shall not create an insanitary condition or nuisance.

#### **402.1.7. SEWAGE DISPOSAL.**

**402.1.7.1.** All sewage disposal systems serving an organized camp or campground shall be approved by the Department.

**402.1.7.2.** Approval shall be based upon satisfactory compliance with the provisions of: Chapter 500. §503. of these Rules and Regulations; and, the "Clean Streams Act of 1937", as amended (35 P.S. §691.1 et seq.).

**402.1.8. 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: Chapter 600. §602. of these Rules and Regulations; and, the "Public Bathing Law" (35 P.S. §672 et seq.).

**402.1.9. 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, in accordance with Chapter 600. §603. of these Rules and Regulations.

#### **402.2. PERMITS.**

##### **402.2.1. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.**

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

**402.2.1.2.** Such permit shall be in addition to the registration requirements of organized camps that are found in 35 P.S. §3001 et seq.

##### **402.2.2. APPLICATION.**

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

**402.2.2.2.** Each application for a permit shall state: the name and address of the applicant; the name and address of the owner or manager of such organized camp or campground; and, the location of the said organized camp or campground; in addition to any other information required by the Department.

**402.2.3. ISSUANCE.**

**402.2.3.1.** The Department will issue a permit for the operation of an organized camp or campground if it is satisfied that the provisions of this Section have been met.

**402.2.3.2.** No permit shall be refused unless the applicant has been afforded an opportunity for a hearing, in accordance with Chapter 100. §100.8. of these Rules and Regulations.

**402.2.3.3.** The permit shall be valid for one (1) calendar year from date of issuance unless revoked or suspended by the Department.

**402.2.3.4.** A separate permit shall be issued for each organized camp or campground, and shall not be transferable or assignable.

**402.2.3.5.** The fee for each said permit shall be that which is provided for in Chapter 700. §701. of these Rules and Regulations.

**402.2.4. REVOCATION AND SUSPENSION.** 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 Section.

**402.3. TOILET FACILITIES.**

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

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

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

**402.3.4. TOILET ROOM.** Each toilet room shall meet the following requirements:

**402.3.4.1.** Doors shall be self-closing;

**402.3.4.2.** Adequate ventilation to the outside shall be provided;

**402.3.4.3.** Toilet tissue shall be provided;

**402.3.4.4.** Easily cleanable receptacles shall be provided for waste materials; and

**402.3.4.5.** Waste receptacles shall be covered.

**402.3.5. ORGANIZED CAMPS.**

**402.3.5.1.** Toilet facilities in organized camps shall be provided in the ratios indicated in the following table:

Number of <u>Persons</u>	Number of <u>Toilet Seats</u>		Number of <u>Lavatories</u>		Number of <u>Urinals</u>
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
1 to 20	1	2	1	2	1
<u>Each additional person:</u>					
20	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1

**402.3.5.2.** Urinals specifically designed for females may be provided in lieu of toilet seats but shall not consist of more than one-third (1/3) of the required number of toilet seats.

**402.3.6. CAMPGROUNDS.**

**402.3.6.1.** Toilet facilities in campgrounds shall be in addition to the requirements for sanitary stations as indicated in §402.4., below, and shall be provided in the ratios indicated in the following table:

Number of Tent or Trailer Spaces	Number of Toilet Seats		Number of Laboratories		Number of Urinals
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
1 to 15	1	1	1	1	1
16 to 30	1	2	2	2	1
31 to 45	2	2	3	3	1
46 to 60	2	3	3	3	2
61 to 80	3	4	4	4	2
81 to 100	3	4	4	4	2
<u>Each additional:</u>					
1 to 100 spaces	+1	+1	+1	+1	+1

**402.3.6.2.** Urinals specifically designed for females may also be provided in lieu of toilet seats, but

for not more than one-third (1/3) of the required number of toilet seats.

#### **402.3.7. SOAP AND TOWELS.**

**402.3.7.1.** At all lavatories in new and existing organized camps and campgrounds where campers do not provide their own soap and individual towels, soap and single-service towels shall be provided.

**402.3.7.2.** The use of a common towel shall be prohibited.

#### **402.4. SANITARY STATIONS.**

**402.4.1. GENERAL REQUIREMENT.** All new organized camp or campground operations which provide parking spaces for trailers shall provide sanitary stations, in order that the removal and disposal of sewage from trailer holding tanks shall be accomplished in a sanitary manner. All such sanitary stations shall be maintained in such a manner as to prevent overflows.

**402.4.2. RATIO.** Each newly organized camp or campground shall provide a sanitary station in the ratio of one (1) for every one hundred (100) trailer spaces or fractional part thereof.

**402.4.3. CONSTRUCTION.** Each sanitary station shall consist of at least the following:

**402.4.3.1.** A four-inch (4 inch) sewer pipe which shall be connected to an approved sewage disposal system, surrounded at the inlet end by a concrete apron sloped to the drain;

**402.4.3.2.** A suitable fly-tight cover, which shall be provided to the four-inch (4 inch) sewer pipe; and

**402.4.3.3.** A water outlet, with the necessary appurtenances and connected to a water supply system to permit a washdown of the immediately adjacent areas after each use.

**402.4.4. PUBLIC WARNING.** Each water outlet used for washdown purposes at sanitary stations shall conspicuously display at all times a sign stating: "Notice! This Water For Flushing and Cleaning Purposes Only".

#### **402.5. GARBAGE AND REFUSE.**

**402.5.1. 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.

#### **402.5.2. STORAGE.**

**402.5.2.1.** 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, stored, or not in continuous use; however, any other manner of garbage and refuse storage may be used if approved by the Department.

**402.5.2.2.** 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 rodent problems and other nuisances.

**402.5.3. 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 not to create a nuisance or a health hazard; also, this disposal should comply with the relevant provisions of Chapter 500. of these Rules and Regulations.

**402.5.4. 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.

CERTIFICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
COUNTY OF CHESTER ss

I, John P. Maher, M.D., Secretary of the Chester County Board of Health, hereby do certify the within to be a true and correct copy. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this day of , .

John P. Maher, M.D., M.P.H.

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