



CITY OF WENATCHEE PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES INFLATABLE PLAY EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS

INTRODUCTION

Inflatable Play Equipment Regulations have been created to address the increasing popularity of the use of bounce houses, inflatable slides and other air-filled structures in City Park areas for events ranging from community events to birthday parties. While these structures are fun, they can pose a danger to children if used improperly.

Inflatable structures are generally thought of as soft and safe, there is a risk in playing in them. Unfortunately, thousands of injuries and even deaths have been associated with inflatable amusement structures.

Frequent causes of injury include:

- Improper anchoring.
- Using during winds in excess of 20 mph.
- Improper set-up of equipment.
- Rapid deflation/collapse caused by power source interruption.
- Lack of adequate supervision including overcrowding.
- Spilling or falling from the inflatable during entry or exit.
- Improperly grouping users by age group and or size.

REQUIREMENTS

You are welcome to use inflatable play equipment during your event in City park areas. Any "Bounce House" or other temporary "Inflatable Play Structure" (referred to as "inflatables" in this document) that is proposed to be used in a City park area must meet the following requirements.

- 1.0 A park Facility Use or Special Event Permit application for the use of the City park must be completed.
- 2.0 Privately owned inflatables are not allowed in City parks. Only inflatables owned by vendors currently licensed for business by the City can be used. A list is available by contacting the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department.
 - 2.1 The vendor must provide proof of liability insurance, with a minimum of \$2,000,000 per occurrence, \$5,000,000 annual aggregate commercial general liability limits, and name the City of Wenatchee as an additional insured on the vendor's policy.
 - 2.2 The vendor must obtain an annual operating permit from the Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) for each amusement ride or inflatable per RCW 67.42 and WAC 296-403A and provide proof of successful inspection of equipment by L&I before installation.
- 3.0 Inflatables with water slides and slip n' slides are not allowed in parks due to the excessive wear on the park grounds created by the water and foot traffic.
- 4.0 Placement of the inflatable must be at a preauthorized location within the park. The location must be coordinated with Park Maintenance personnel a minimum of 48 hours prior to the scheduled use.
- 5.0 Inflatables must be set up no sooner than the park event reserved time and taken down and removed no later than the scheduled end time of the event. Inflatables are not allowed to remain in the park overnight.

- 6.0 Wenatchee Municipal Code prohibits motor vehicles in park areas. Inflatables must be hand carried or carted into, and from the park.
- 7.0 Inflatables must be set up and removed by trained and qualified representatives of the inflatable vendor in compliance with the manufacturer's specifications.
- 8.0 Inflatables must be free standing and weighted. Ground stakes are prohibited in City parks. Inflatables must not be tied or tethered to trees, tables, or other park amenities or structures.
- 9.0 Electricity at the parks may not be used to operate the inflatables. Vendors must use their own power source in the form of a "low noise" electrical generator. This equipment may not be fueled on the park grass areas. It is permissible to fuel this equipment in park parking areas.
- 10.0 Permit holders, vendors and participants of the inflatable are jointly and severally responsible for all damage caused by their use of the inflatable in the City's parks.
- 11.0 The permit holder must agree to abide by all park rules, along with City, state and federal laws.
- 12.0 Inflatable renters must provide adequate and appropriate adult supervision so that the use is in compliance with the manufacturers recommendations and reflects a safe level of operation.
- 13.0 The permit holder and inflatable vendor agree to jointly and severally indemnify, protect, defend save and hold harmless the City of Wenatchee, its officers, employees, agents, and volunteers from and against any and all liability, claims, suits, and causes of action for death or injury to persons, or damage to property, resulting from intentional or negligent acts, errors or omissions of user and/or the inflatable vendor arising out of the setup, or operation of the Inflatable, or from any violation of any federal, state, or municipal law or ordinance, to the extent caused, in whole or in part, by the willful misconduct, negligent acts, or omissions of user and/or the Inflatable vendor which occurs related to the setup, use or operation of the Inflatable.
- 14.0 The City is not responsible or liable for any damage to the Inflatable or injury to users of the Inflatable or other similar inflatables.

I agree to the requirements set forth above for the use of Inflatables in the City of Wenatchee park areas. I represent that I am authorized to bind the users and participants to the above conditions of use of the inflatable.

Signed

Date

Printed Name

Name of Inflatable Company Providing Service