

Parks, Culture & Sport (PCS)
OPERATING PROVISIONS FOR LEASED CAMPGROUNDS
INCLUDING:

1. CAMPGROUNDS LOCATED IN PROVINCIAL PARKS with facilities owned by the Government or privately owned, offering nightly, weekly, monthly or annual seasonal camping.
2. CAMPGROUNDS LOCATED IN PROVINCIAL RECREATION SITES with facilities owned by the Government or privately owned, offering nightly, weekly, monthly or annual seasonal camping.

These provisions are intended to address the needs of the camper, public safety, aesthetics, and functionality of facilities and equipment in leased, public campgrounds.

Item #:	Facility or Equipment Type:	Acceptable	Description of Operating Provisions
1	Barbeques/Fire Pits	Yes	<p>Designs must meet government approved specifications to address safety concerns including fire spread control. Applies to items supplied by park visitor or campground lessee.</p>
2	Picnic Tables	Yes	<p>Picnic table design must be pre-approved by PCS to address safety concerns. (Tables approved for resale would meet design standards.)</p>
3	Campsite Decks or Outdoor RV mat	Yes	<p>Either a deck or an outdoor RV mat is allowed on each site, to a maximum area of 100 square feet, not extending more than 8 feet (at 90 degree angle) from the long side of a camping unit.</p> <p>Mats to be placed on a non-vegetated area, unless an eco-friendly RV mat is used. The eco-friendly mat must be breathable, allowing sunlight, air and water to pass through, being less harmful to the flora.</p> <p>All decks must be against the camper, portable and easily removable, and have no railing.</p> <p>Decks must be ground level, and have a maximum height of 7 inches, unless the deck is a "Slide-A-Deck" or other original factory-manufactured deck attached to the camping unit, in which case the railing restriction and deck height restriction will not be enforced.</p> <p>Decks must not be enclosed, covered, or screened on any side by a home-built frame. An allowance will be made for "Add-A-Room" structures or other equipment made and attached by the camping unit's original manufacturer.</p> <p>The intent is to maintain aesthetic and safety standards and to allow a reasonable amount of open space in the campsite.</p>

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4	Storage Sheds	Yes	Where sheds are allowed, the shed size to be no larger than 36 square feet, no larger than 6 feet on any side, and no taller than 8.5 feet. All sheds must be approved by the Lessee prior to installation. Shed must be properly maintained at all times, painted or sided in neutral colors to complement campground aesthetics. Also allowed are commercially purchased, blow-molded plastic resin sheds and chests. A three-year transition period will be allowed for those seasonal campers who currently have sheds with larger dimensions; full compliance is expected by 2014.
5	Garbage Cans	Yes	Exterior storage space must include provision for visual screening.
6	Benches	Yes	N/A
7	Decorative fixtures (ie statues, wishing well) placed within the campground by the Lessee	Yes	Lessee to ensure fixtures promote aesthetically pleasing campground appropriate with surroundings.
8	Portable above ground grey water/sewage holding tanks	Yes	Grey water/sewage must be contained and disposed of at disposal sites. Disposal of grey water/sewage on the ground is prohibited.
9	Screened tents	Yes	One screened tent/site.
10	Fencing	No	Maintain reasonable amount of open space in campsites, and to maintain aesthetic standards.
11	Tarps	Yes	<p>The cumulative total of suspended, horizontal tarps is not to exceed 400 square feet. The maximum area of any one horizontal tarp will be 200 square feet. Awnings (which are factory-attached to camping units), and self-supported canopies or gazebos are to be included in the cumulative total area of the tarps. Screened dining tents are excluded from the cumulative total. The total cumulative tarp coverage was determined by considering the need of adequate protection from weather-related elements, environmental impact, and overall campground aesthetics and sustainability.</p> <p>Tarps shall be suspended only over the defined/disturbed campsite area and shall not cover any outlying vegetation. The negative impacts from tarped areas, such as the shielding of rain and reduction of sunshine, can cause wilting of vegetation and die-back around the site. This can result in the loss of natural screening in the campsite.</p>

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			<p>Ropes can “bite” into tree bark, leaving the tree susceptible to disease. Any tarps which are required to be attached to trees, out of necessity, must be attached by bungee cords or similar elastic material. Ropes are NOT to be used in the hanging of tarps when attached to trees unless the rope is passed through a “sheath” with a smooth exterior (such as rubber hose or plastic tubing) at the point of contact with the tree.</p> <p>To prevent tree damage, Saskatchewan Parks encourages the use of self-supported, commercially-purchased canopy units in lieu of tarps. e.g.; Gazebo with NO vertical sides.</p> <p>There will be NO placement of vertical tarps for the purpose of site-screening. The campground lessee may, however, allow temporary placement of vertical tarps within specific campsites known to be susceptible to wind for periodic protection from the elements.</p> <p>The use of green, brown, or camouflage tarps is encouraged in all sites, and required in seasonal sites. This promotes a more natural looking and esthetically pleasing setting.</p>
12	Structures	No	<p>It is prohibited to erect vertically-enclosed structures in campsites, with the exception of tents manufactured for the primary purpose of sleeping and habitation.</p> <p>No portable garages or structures for the storage of boats or vehicles are allowed.</p> <p>No home-built frames or support structures for tarps are allowed.</p> <p>No supported, fixed-roof structures over trailers or campers are allowed.</p> <p>Campsites are not large enough to accommodate such structures and the erection of same results in damage, often permanent, to trees and vegetation adjacent to campsites. Eventually, buffer spaces between individual campsites and between campsites and green spaces, would disappear.</p>

13	Major Appliances	No	Restricted to those fixed in the camping unit/contained within the original unit's construction. Appliances such as deep freezes , fridges etc add to exterior clutter and make the campsite look unsightly
14	Furniture	No	Indoor furnishings (couches, lazy-boys etc.) are strictly prohibited outside of camping units. Indoor furnishings attract unwanted rodents and insects, and are not appropriate for use within a campground setting.
15	Patio lights	Yes	Lessee must monitor use to promote an aesthetically pleasing campground. Lighting should be directed downwards, and should not cast unwanted light to adjacent campsites.
16	Boat	Yes	Storage must be confined to campsite or parking areas.
17	Loose material (lumber, tires)	No	Loose material is not allowed. Such material could attract rodents and is unsightly.
18	Gardens	Yes (restricted to potted plants)	Potted plants are allowed. Planting in ground/soil tillage is not allowed. Intent is for lessee to monitor/regulate size and number of potted plants on campsite.
19	Awnings	Yes	Must be commercially (factory) attached to camping unit.
20	Camping Unit		As defined in <i>The Parks Act</i> . Camping Unit, other than tents, must be able to be licensed as a vehicle. No bunk, home trailers, or "Park Model" trailers allowed.
21	Unlicensed vehicle use	No	The use of any unlicensed vehicles by campers on Park land is strictly prohibited.