

SANTA ROSA FIRE DEPARTMENT
FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU
STANDARD

July 1, 2010



FLAME RETARDANT TREATMENT
OF DECORATIVE MATERIALS

PURPOSE

This standard applies to any decorative material used in all educational, institutional, assembly, apartment occupancies (non-dwelling units), hotel/motel public accessible areas and any special events requiring a public assembly permit.

CODE REFERENCES

Uniform Fire Code (UFC), Article 11
Title 19 California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 3.08
Santa Rosa City Code 18-44

PERMIT(S) REQUIRED

Approval of any Fire Department public assembly, institutional, or apartment permit will be contingent upon meeting all applicable requirements contained within this informational bulletin.

DEFINITION

Decorative material consists of all drapes, hangings, curtains, drops, and all other like type decorative items, including Christmas trees.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. The Santa Rosa Fire Department requires **ALL** decorative materials, regulated by this bulletin, to be made from non-flammable material, or said materials shall be treated and maintained in flame retardant condition by means of an approved flame retardant treatment. Such treatment shall be applied only by an individual or firm licensed by the Office of the California State Fire Marshal.

Exceptions:

- a. Cubical curtains and individual patient room window curtains and drapes in Group I Occupancies.
 - b. Window curtains and drapes within dwelling units of Group R, Division 1 Occupancies.
 - c. Christmas Trees within dwelling units of Group R, Division 1 Occupancies.
 - d. A table cloth need not be flame- retardant treated when there are **NO** open flame devices of any kind allowed, where no cooking will be performed on tables and where table arrangement is not conducive to the propagation of fire.
 - e. Materials for sale.
2. A field inspection will be conducted of all permitted occupancies and special events. An original **ΔCertificate of Flame Resistance** will be required and must be provided to the Fire Inspector upon request.
 3. The only exception to the above requirements is inherently flame retardant materials. Individuals should be prepared to provide proof of flame retardancy.
 4. In addition to the requirements above, all Christmas trees, decorations, wreaths, and garlands in A, E, I, and R1 lobbies are required to be fire retardant and treated by an applicator licensed by the Office of the California State Fire Marshal. The flame-retardant certification tag shall remain attached to the items at all times.

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Flame Retardant Treatment of Decorative Materials

Information relative to the registration requirements and registered applicators can be obtained by contacting the office of the California State Fire Marshal at the address or phone number listed below:

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