

ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS -2012

PLEASE READ AND ADHERE COMPLETELY TO THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES.

For at least the last 10 years of Strawberry Days history, food group participants have signed an agreement wherein they promised to use 12 gauge, 3 wire grounded cords to connect their appliances to the electric panels. Some people did. Some did not. Many just used heavy duty orange extension cords, and no one ever checked to see whether they were 12 gauge or not. Unfortunately, because of the small fire that occurred several years ago, the requirements must now strictly be enforced for the safety of all. We are telling you about these changes now so that you have time to work among your membership to find the necessary cords and thus eliminate unnecessary expense at the last minute

Therefore, at Strawberry Days, 2012

1. EACH appliance must be put on a SEPARATE 12 gauge extension cord. This is why the letter you received stated that you should carefully consider what and how many appliances you wish to use.
2. If you use a power strip, it must be plugged into a 10 gauge cord (not 12 gauge). 10 gauge cords can be very expensive.
3. The electrical helpers have indicated that they must be able to read the stamping on the cord that will say either 10 or 12 gauge. Furthermore, they tell us that Wal-Mart does sell 12 gauge cords, stamped appropriately.
4. When you run your extension cords to the power panel, tape them together at several spots to keep them from tangling up with your neighbor's cords.
5. Participants cannot plug in to any of their neighbor's cords.
6. Lastly, after all your cords are run to the power panels, record on your Agreement, which your leader should have posted in the booth, the numbers of each outlet into which you have plugged a cord. If you plug in 4 cords, write 4 numbers down on the agreement. Each outlet has a number.

After your booth is set up, an inspection must occur. They will inspect and sign off on the inspection. Periodic checks will occur throughout the weekend.

If you have questions, feel free to call Jim.

Thank you,

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