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RESTROOMS

The San Diego County Department of Environmental Health Services recommends one (1) chemical or portable toilet for every 250 people. The number of portable toilets can be determined based on your estimated peak time attendance.

You must provide portable restroom facilities at your event unless you can substantiate the sufficient availability of both accessible and non-accessible facilities in the immediate area of the event site that will be available to the public during your event.

RESTROOM ACCESSIBILITY

Ten percent (10%) of restroom facilities must meet local, state, and federal accessibility requirements. No less than one (1) accessible restroom should be placed in each location designated for restrooms facilities and located on a level area not to exceed a 2% cross-slope in any direction. If a single restroom unit is placed in a location, it must be accessible. An accessible route to each portable restroom must be provided.

STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION

Standard portable restrooms must be placed on a liner to prevent spills and run-off into the storm drain system. Accessible portable restrooms must use sand bags or other equivalent materials to prevent run-off from entering the storm drain system in lieu of a liner that might prevent accessibility. Spills must be immediately cleaned-up using proper spill containment and clean-up methods.
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SINKS

The provision of hand-sanitizing facilities or sinks is recommended in restroom areas. As part of the County Health Department food handling permit process, you will also be required to provide specific types of hand sanitizing and/or sink facilities in all food and beverage service areas. It is illegal to use water tapped from public facilities and other outlets without authorization.

SINK ACCESSIBILITY
In locations where sinks or hand sanitizing units are provided, at least one unit must be accessible. If a single sink or hand-sanitizing unit is placed in a location, it must be accessible.

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