

Tents During Winter Months

Building Services Information Sheet

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This information sheet outlines the Building Department's policy regarding tents which are regulated by the Ontario Building Code in relation to the design criteria for snow loads.

The Ontario Building Code regulates tents that are typically constructed during summer months. Generally, these tents have not been designed to support snow loads and cannot be used during winter months where snow can accumulate and overload the structure.

Tents that are intended for use in the winter can only be constructed if engineered design calculations can be provided to ensure the structure can resist the loads that will be imposed on them.

