

How do I find my zoning district or my County Planner?

Begin by visiting the Planning Division's webpage, and click on the 'Planner District Map' link. From there, in the upper left corner, you can type in your address and find the zoning district the land is located in, as well as your County Planner (click on the 'layer' icon to the left of the map to find the planning district the parcel is located). Your County Planner can walk you through the permitting process or answer any questions. If easier, phone 541 474-5421, or visit the county website at:

www.co.josephine.or.us/planning/

Violations

We take violations seriously. If non-compliant with state and county codes, it could result in legal action.

Disclaimer

This brochure is for information purposes only and is not a complete list of all codes relating to camping on private property. This flyer is intended to clarify the most common questions about camping. The complete set of codes is available online and at the Community Development Department. Rules are subject to change, and likely will. Please always check to verify you have the most current flyer or codes, both available on the website.



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JOSEPHINE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



CAMPING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Can I camp on private property?

Yes. You can camp on your land for 30 or 120 days, depending on the zoning district in which your land is located. No permit is required, but there are limitations. (There are separate rules for camping during construction.)

What are the restrictions?

- In a Non-Resource zone, camping cannot exceed 120 days in any 12-month period. By state law, if you are in a Resource zone, camping shall not exceed 30 days in a 12-month period.
- Items intended for transport or storage purposes, such as buses, truck bodies, and storage bins shall not be used for camping purposes.
- You are allowed one camping unit on the property.
- You need a proper provision for sanitary waste disposal.
- The camping unit shall be setback at least twice the normal setback as would be required for a single family dwelling.
- After the camping stay, the camping unit shall be removed from the property, or, placed in storage.
- See Section 19.98.050.A. of the *Josephine County Code*, and the definition section, for complete rules.

What types of shelter are allowed?

The placement of a temporary shelter used as or designed to be used for sleeping purposes is allowed. Examples of allowed shelters are tents, trailers, recreational vehicles, yurts, tarpaulins, bed rolls, and sleeping bags.

Do you mean my children can't camp in the yard?

The temporary use of a camping unit, located in the rear yard of a lot occupied by a single family dwelling, owned and utilized for not more than 120 days in any one calendar year, by residents of the single family dwelling on the lot, shall not be deemed camping.

Can I camp on my property during construction?

Yes. Camping during construction of a single family dwelling is allowed, provided a Development Permit has been issued for the dwelling, and the foundation has been installed and inspected.

- A Minor Development Permit has been applied for and secured (\$100).
- There is an approved on-site sanitary waste disposal system, and the camping unit has been connected to the system.
- Camping must cease upon occupancy of the dwelling.
- See Section 19.98.050.B. of the *Josephine County Code*, and the definition section, for complete rules.

What if I have more than one camping unit on my property?

The placement of more than one camping unit on a property is not allowed unless the property has been approved as a campground or non-traditional shelter.

Can I have a 'Tiny Home on Wheels'?

Maybe. Tiny homes on wheels are considered recreational vehicles/camping units and the above rules apply to them. However, if the wheels are removed and they are placed on a foundation, they might be able to be authorized as a dwelling. See your County Planner for details.

Do I need a permit to camp in a campground?

If the campground has been approved by the County, you can camp in the campground without the need for a permit from the Community Development Department.

If you want to operate a campground or transitional housing camp, a permit is required.

Campgrounds and transitional housing camps are not allowed in all zoning districts, so it is recommended you contact your County Planner before investing in the property.

What is a 'Transitional Housing Camp'?

A transitional housing camp is a campground established solely to provide for transitional housing accommodations (e.g. homeless camps). Tent camping is not allowed in a transitional housing camp.