

**TOWN OF TOPSHAM**  
**NON-FAIR PERMITTED ACTIVITIES**

Applicable to activities subject to chapter 225-59B of the Town Code

Non-Fair Activities do not require individual permits from the Codes Enforcement Officer as long as they are operated in compliance with the approved emergency action plan on file with the Fire Chief. Please contact the Topsham Fire Department [Fire & Rescue - Topsham, Maine](#)

All uses commonly associated with fairgrounds (*see any annual Fair brochure*), occurring outside the annual fair period, and the following uses, and those that the CEO determines, in writing, are sufficiently similar to these following uses, shall be permitted. These non-fair permitted activities shall conform to the performance standards (below) as well as all other performance standards in this chapter as applicable.

Car show	Farm and garden show
Dog show	Art show
Dog trials	School bus driving training
Steer pulling	Radio-controlled trials
Flea market	Boat show
Public suppers	Horse show
Home show	Rodeo
Camper show	Beano
Firemen's muster training	Auction
Chicken barbeque	Camporees
Fire and rescue training	Haunted house
Indoor vehicle pulls	Indoor concerts
Weddings/receptions	Private parties

**Performance standards:**

- a) All activities shall cease operations no later than 11:00 p.m.
- b) All parking area travel lanes and internal vehicular circulation routes shall be kept clear at all times to maintain emergency vehicle access. All fire lanes, as determined by the Fire Chief, shall be kept clear of vehicles, vendors, awnings, or any other obstructions at all times.
- c) The owners shall provide an appropriate number of parking and security staff to assure the safety of those attending any fairground activities.

- d) It shall be the responsibility of the owners to coordinate all access to and egress from the fairgrounds for any event with the local authorities.
- e) The owner shall provide dust control measures that will be available on an as-needed basis.
- f) The owners shall contact the Fire Chief, EMS Director, Police Chief and Codes Enforcement Officer (CEO) no later than 30 days prior to the start of the event to schedule any necessary inspections and to submit emergency action plans. Emergency action plans shall include arrangements for emergency response, contact information, schedules of events, emergency service coverage proposals, and insurance requirements related to public safety. The applicant shall provide the Fire Chief any state permits when received.
- g) The Fire Chief and CEO shall be contacted at least 48 hours prior to the start of the event to conduct inspections for compliance with the standards in this chapter.
- h) Nothing in this section shall prevent the Fire or Police Chief or EMS Director from requiring additional measures in order to meet an anticipated safety issue.