

THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA GAME DAY POLICIES

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Tailgating

Tailgating on football game days is a wonderful and long-standing tradition at The University of Oklahoma. The University's tailgating policy is designed to ensure:

- The comfort and enjoyment of game day patrons.
 - The safety, security, and well-being of all people associated with game day activities, and
 - The safeguarding and preservation of all public property under the management of the University.
- The setting up of tents, awnings, and similar equipment may commence at 12 noon on the day immediately preceding the game, most typically on Friday for a Saturday game. The items must be taken down and removed by 12 noon on the day immediately following, typically Sunday.
 - Tents, awnings, and similar equipment must be securely anchored. Stakes must not be longer than 12 inches in order not to interfere with underground utilities.
 - Any such items that are set up outside of this timeframe or that collapse or are blown off their sites will be removed by the University. The University Administration and Finance Office, (405) 325-5161, may be contacted for information about how items may be recovered. Items not claimed within a reasonable time may be disposed of by the University at its discretion.
 - Tents, awnings, similar items, and tailgating activities of any kind are prohibited on several locations including, but not limited to, the North and South Ovals, Jacobson Hall and Carpenter Hall lawns, Heisman Park, Oliver Walk, Brooks Mall and areas adjacent to Brooks Mall including lawn north of the stadium and lawn south of Wagner Hall, and student residential areas.
 - Tailgating activity that takes up vacant parking spaces or otherwise interferes with vehicle movement within a parking lot is prohibited. In order to protect parking lot surfaces, tents, awnings, and similar items that require ground stakes are prohibited.
 - The University will provide and locate portable toilets at convenient locations around the grounds. Individuals, groups or businesses are prohibited from bringing or arranging the delivery of their own toilets.
 - Generators may be used so long as they do not damage University property; if a generator is placed on a grassy area it must rest on a board or other hard material to protect the grass and soil beneath.
 - The hooking into, connecting to, or similar use of University utilities and/or television or communication cable services is prohibited.
 - Food and beverages shall be for personal consumption only. Sales are prohibited.
 - Gas and charcoal grills with covers are permitted. Open flames are prohibited.
 - Corporate or commercially sponsored tailgates are prohibited except in designated locations. Those who wish to organize and provide such sites should contact Sooner Sports Properties at (405) 325-2148.
 - Companies are prohibited from issuing free or sample products without being properly licensed by the University. The University Real Estate Operations Office, (405) 325-6041, may be contacted for information.
 - Small non-University vehicles such as golf carts, all-terrain vehicles, and the like are prohibited on campus.
 - Trailers and vehicles are prohibited from parking on the grass. Trailer parking is allowed at designated sites: Fourth Street is a Paid Lot. Permits are NOT required. Vehicles and trailers may park on Fourth Street. Permit Lots: Permits ARE required. A permit is required for the vehicle; an additional permit is required for the trailer.

Political Campaigning and Other Non-University Events

Tailgating participants should be aware of related University policies regarding endorsements and the use of University facilities for non-University activities.

Section 3.4.3 of the University of Oklahoma Board of Regents Policies and Procedures prohibits the University's endorsement of any commercial product, program, enterprise, or idea. A direct result of this is the prohibition of any political signage implanted in, posted on, or otherwise affixed to University property. This prohibition in no way interferes with the right of students, faculty, staff, and fans to otherwise engage in the political process, subject to other governing policies and procedures.

Further, the University policy governing the use of University facilities for non-university purposes (See <http://www.ou.edu/contracts/#FACILITY%20USAGE>) prescribes that facilities and outdoor properties for non-University purposes are restricted to the following locations on the day of an event or any rally for the event:

- A portion of the Lloyd Noble parking lot, except during an event held at the Lloyd Noble, at which time a portion of the Gymnastics Center parking lot may be utilized; or
- A portion of the University Duck Pond; or
- A portion of the property in front of the Bizzell Statue; or
- A portion of the Dale Hall parking lot.

Because space is limited, non-University events shall be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis determined by the date the individual or group executes all relevant documents, provides evidence of adequate insurance and submits all such documents to the Office of Administration and Finance, Real Estate Operations in accordance with the terms of the policy.

No picketing, leafleting, sign, displays, or peddling shall be permitted within 300 feet of the facility hosting the event on the day of the event.