



Tuesday, December 22, 2020

Indoor Eating Holiday Pause Begins Tomorrow

This is a reminder that on Friday, December 18, 2020, Mayor Bowser announced that the District will pause various activities including indoor dining beginning on Wednesday, December 23, 2020 at 10:00 p.m. until Friday, January 15, 2021 at 5:00 a.m. The District government has worked to expand allowances regarding outdoor dining during this holiday pause. Please see below for updates to the [Stretery Winter Ready Grant Program and Outdoor Dining Guide](#)

Outdoor Dining

- Effective Wednesday, December 23, 2020 at 10:00 p.m. through Friday, January 15, 2021 at 5:00 a.m., outdoor dining structures, tents and/or canopies are permitted to have up to two (2) side flaps or walls and a roof. Enclosed structures, such as plastic domes or “igloos” for individual parties of six (6) guests or less, are permitted. These structures must be cleaned and sanitized between parties.

Snow Emergency

- Streateries and Parklets shall not be used during a Snow Emergency.
- *During the “Holiday Pause” (December 23, 2020 to January 15, 2021), Sidewalk Cafes shall not be used if a Snow Emergency is declared.*

Electric Portable Space Heaters

- Small electric portable space heaters may be used with 8 or 10 gauge extension cords.
- Prior to using electric portable space heaters, businesses must apply for and obtain a permit from the Fire Marshall’s office for an electric heater and/or extension cords. Details on how to obtain a permit can be found in the [Outdoor Dining Guide \(Page 5\)](#).
- The permit fee is waived.
- For additional questions, contact the Department of Fire and EMS at fems.fireprevention@dc.gov.

Regards,
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