



## The UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA | GAME DAY TAILGATING POLICIES

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*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 university strongly encourages wearing a face mask while inside university buildings and athletic facilities.** The U.S. Department of Transportation requires individuals to wear face masks while on buses/shuttles – NO TOLERANCE. Visit <https://www.ou.edu/together> for more information.*

- The setting up of tents, awnings, and similar equipment may commence at noon on the day immediately preceding the game, most typically on Friday for a Saturday game. **Space may be occupied between 8:00 am and noon, but stakes may NOT go into the ground until noon. Space may NOT be occupied or reserved before 8:00 am.** All items must be taken down and removed by noon on the day immediately following the game, typically Sunday. Abandoned tents may be at risk of damage or theft.
- 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 Operations Office, (405) 325-0727, 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, and similar equipment must be securely anchored. **Stakes may not be longer than 12 inches** to avoid interfering with underground utilities.
  - **Tents must be set up no closer than three feet from either side of sidewalks.**
  - Tents, awnings, generators, similar items, and tailgating activities of any kind are not allowed **within three feet of either side of sidewalks. Any items obstructing sidewalks must be moved or will be removed by the University.**
  - **Tents must be set up no closer than 10 feet from any University building. Tents larger than 400 square feet require a permit, contact [Fire@ou.edu](mailto:Fire@ou.edu).**
- Tents, awnings, similar items, and tailgating activities of any kind are not allowed at several locations including, but not limited to, the North and South Ovals, Jacobson Hall and Carpenter Hall lawns, Heisman Park, Burr Park, Headington Park, Oliver Walk, Brooks Mall and areas adjacent to Brooks Mall including the lawn north of the stadium and lawn south of Wagner Hall, the NE corner of Lindsey and Jenkins Streets, Residential Colleges lawn, and all student residential areas, (Student groups permitted by the department of Campus Scheduling will be allowed near residential areas.) See prohibited activities map.
- 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 moving the portable toilets or 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. Generators cannot be placed within three feet of either side of a sidewalk, or within 10 feet of a building.
- 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.

- Open flames are prohibited; gas and charcoal grills with covers are permitted. Gas and charcoal grills are prohibited in ALL University parking garages. Grills cannot be left unattended. It is the responsibility of the individual to provide a fireproof container for the disposal of coals and remove said container from university premises.
- 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 Campus Scheduling Office, (405) 325-212 or [scheduling@ou.edu](mailto:scheduling@ou.edu), may be contacted for information.
- Small non-University vehicles such as golf carts, all-terrain vehicles, and the like are prohibited on campus, and are subject to impound. Bicycles must be parked at bike racks.
- Trailers and vehicles are prohibited from parking on the grass. Trailer parking is allowed at any 'paid' lot - permits are NOT required. Permit Lots - permits ARE required. A permit is required for the vehicle; an additional permit is required for the trailer.
- The use of any tobacco product is strictly prohibited on all University property.
- Except as may be specifically authorized by University Administration, the operation of drones/unmanned aircraft systems on University property is prohibited on home football game days. Visit <http://www.ou.edu/police/crime/drones>, to view drone policy.



## CONDUCTING NON-UNIVERSITY EVENTS ON GAME DAYS OR MAJOR EVENT DAYS

Reviewed August 2021

This Policy is applicable to *non-University* events held on Game Days or Major Event Days and is designed to prevent disruption of the events and impeding the ingress and egress to university Game Day activities. Game Days include all home football games, Spring Game, and any event taking place in the football stadium where large crowds are anticipated. Major Event Days include Commencement, Convocation, and other special events where large crowds are anticipated.

To protect the safety of visitors and avoid damage to university property, the university prohibits signage, for whatever purposes, to be 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 advocacy, expressive activity, or the political process.

The university must also refrain from creating an appearance of partisan activity endorsed by the university. Political campus organizations shall have access to selected University facilities on the same basis as all other campus organizations-in keeping with the rights of all members of the campus community to express political views on game days/major event. Non-campus political organizations shall likewise have access on the same terms as other non-university events described herein.

Further, on Game Days and Major Event Days, reservations of outdoor properties for non-university purposes are limited to the following:

- 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 where required due to risk of damage to persons or property, and submits all such documents to [Campus Scheduling](mailto:405.325.2121) (405.325.2121) in accordance with applicable policies.




No picketing, leafleting, large signage, displays, or peddling shall be permitted within 300 feet of the facility hosting the event (i.e., football stadium) on the day of the event.



 THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA  
GAME DAY TAIL GATE MAP 08.2015

-  RESERVED TAILGATING
-  PUBLIC TAILGATING
-  PROHIBITED NO TAILGATING

THE CITY OF NORMAN  
ROAD CLOSURES 08.2015

-  CITY OF NORMAN ROAD CLOSURE
-  ACCESS ROUTE TO UNION GARAGE (NO STREET PARKING)
-  CITY OF NORMAN STREET BARRICADE