

## Mid-Atlantic Nursery Trade Show, Inc.

### Fire Regulations - 2010

Below are the Fire Marshal's Regulations for the Baltimore Convention Center that pertain specifically to setting up an exhibit at MANTS. Exhibitor compliance with these regulations is mandatory. **Please be advised that the law in Maryland and in Baltimore City gives broad discretionary powers to the Fire Marshal.** MANTS will strictly enforce these regulations and any decision by MANTS or our designated representatives regarding these is binding and non-negotiable. We appreciate your cooperation, understanding and compliance with these regulations.

- (1) **No cut trees.** While this obviously applies to Christmas trees, the fire marshal also warns against landscape material being cut instead of balled; as per section 31-1.4.5 of the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code, furnishings or decorations of an explosive or highly flammable character shall not be used. Natural cut trees as well as other Christmas decorations (wreaths, garland, etc) are strictly prohibited. Living trees in a balled condition with roots protected by an earth ball may be permitted provided they are maintained in a fresh condition and are not allowed to become dry;
- (2) Balled Christmas trees may have lights upon them;
- (3) Corn stalks, straw, hay, Spanish moss, wood chips, bamboo, lumber and similar materials may be permissible only if treated with a fire retardant and pre-approved by the Center and Fire Department. A certificate of flammability must be provided upon request of the fire prevention captain;
- (4) Crates, boxes, excess literature, etc. **may not** be stored in the hall or behind exhibitors' booths; these must be stored in the loading dock areas. Contact the Five Star Decorating service desk in Hall D or contact a MANTS show representative for assistance;
- (5) All draping materials must be fire resistant and a certificate of flammability must be provided upon request of the fire prevention captain. No exits may be blocked by draperies; no combustible materials, merchandise or signs shall be attached to, hung or draped over fire-resistant side and rear dividers of booths or attached to table skirting facing aisles, unless fire-resistant. Any exhibitor who places a canopy over his booth must have a fire extinguisher in the booth;
- (6) No open flames for demonstration or decorative purposes will be allowed. No flammable and combustible liquids such as gasoline, kerosene, cleaning solvents and other petroleum-based materials or liquefied petroleum gasses shall be used or admitted inside the building. No compressed flammable gases such as acetylene, hydrogen or propane may be used. Cylinders or non-flammable compressed gasses shall be secured in a vertical or horizontal position depending on tank use and design, pending written approval by the Fire Prevention Captain;

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