



Camping Units in FLOODPLAIN in Rusk County

What is a camping unit?

A camping unit is any portable device, no more than 400 square feet in area, used as a temporary shelter, including but not limited to a camping trailer, motor home, bus, van, pick-up truck, or tent. In floodplain, this camping unit must also meet the definition of a **mobile recreational vehicle**, which is *“a vehicle built on a single chassis, 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection, designed to be self-propelled, carried or permanently towable by a licensed, light-duty vehicle, is licensed for highway use and is designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling, but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel or seasonal use. Manufactured homes that are towed onto a parcel, but do not remain capable of being towed easily off, including park models, do not fall within this definition.”*

What are the requirements for camping/recreational vehicles in floodplain?

Only mobile recreational vehicles with self-contained holding tanks or easily removable tents or camper units are permitted. No other habitable structures or buildings are permitted. A recreational vehicle may be on the site for no more than 180 days per year and must be fully licensed and ready for highway use, which means that it is on wheels and is attached to the site only by quick disconnect utilities and has no attached additions.

Permanent accessory structures are not allowed in floodway.

Deck/Landing – A portable landing solely for providing ingress and egress from the camping unit may be permitted for each entry provided that the landing is not permanently attached to the ground, is no more than 32 square feet in size and can be removed from the campsite by a light-duty truck. Patios that are constructed completely at or below grade are permitted and must meet proper setbacks from the water, road and property lines.

Screen tent – Portable units, not permanently attached to the ground, are allowed.

Screen Room/Porch/Add on Room – Not allowed

Attached Awning – Allowed

Shed/Storage Building – Only small portable storage containers or collapsible, modular sheds which can be easily disassembled and removed from the site are allowed. These units cannot exceed 64 square feet in size and are limited to 180 consecutive days on the site. They must also comply with applicable setback standards.

Fill/Campsite pads – < 3 cubic yards of fill/concrete/aggregate can be allowed to level out and establish a campsite. Landscaping timbers/retaining walls are not allowed. Camping unit pads must comply with applicable shoreland zoning setbacks.

Skirting – Allowed if not permanent.

Wells – Not allowed

In ground or above ground septic/holding tanks – Not allowed

If a camping unit remains on the property for more than 30 days per year, only one camping unit can be permitted, setbacks must be met and annual permits must be obtained. The permit fee is \$100. The annual fee is \$100.

Proof of pumping must be provided for all camping units where water is brought in from off site.

What if I want more than one camping unit?

More than one camping unit will constitute a campground. A Conditional Use Permit will need to be obtained from the township and Zoning Committee. More than three units will also require a license from the Public Health Department. Annual permits will be required for all units.

Contact Rusk County Zoning if you have questions.

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