

# OREGON LAW: MASS GATHERINGS

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An “Outdoor Mass Gathering”, unless otherwise defined by county ordinance, means an assembly of more than 3,000 persons which is held primarily in open spaces and is expected to last between 24 and 120 hours. A county-issued permit is required for any Outdoor Mass Gathering. A gathering of more than 3,000 persons that is reasonably expected to exceed 120 hours requires a land use decision granted by the county planning commission through a conditional use proceeding. Individual counties also have the right to require a land use review for such events lasting 120 hours or less. Check with your local planning department on the requirements for your location.

Types of allowable uses:

- Concerts
- Festivals
- Fairs
- Carnivals

## Limitations and requirements:

- No permanent structures are allowed.
- There are detailed requirements established by the Oregon Health Authority for sanitary services, parking, medical services on-site, sewage, trash and food service.
- Gatherings of fewer than 3,000 people are not subject to a land use decision (ie public process), but may require an administrative permit approval.

Note: If you have an agritourism permit, you may not also apply for a mass gathering permit. If your county has adopted an Agritourism Policy, you may not use “mass gathering” permits in lieu of an agritourism permit.



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