

Kill Devil Hills' Guide for Weddings, Family Reunions & Other Gatherings

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We can help you have a successful, and memorable event.



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Planning and Inspections Department 252-449-5318
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Health Department 252-475-5080
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Enjoy the beach, but make sure others can, too...

- Glass containers are easily broken and can't be taken to the oceanfront.
- You're welcome to have chairs and arches and decorations at your event, but please remove them as soon as festivities are done.
- We know a bonfire would be great, but there's not enough separation between the beach and oceanfront houses and buildings. Bonfires and other open fires are not allowed.

We bet you didn't think about checking local tide charts, did you? You might want to if you're planning your event to be close to the water. Try this website for the U.S. Army Corps Research Facility Pier in Duck – it's got ton of information about the ocean and beach area: <http://www.frf.usace.army.mil/>

Let's talk about tents...tents and canopies are allowed on private property, but there are size limitations and requirements. The permit process takes time. If you plan on erecting a tent or canopy you will need to provide the following information: a copy of the property survey; material specifications that verify the tent meets North Carolina Building Code requirements for wind loads and inflammability; and, tent size information. Also, the tent's general intended location must be shown and it must be at least five feet from septic tank and drain field areas. The tent's location is subject to approval by the Dare County Health Department, too. You may want to contact the property owner or rental agency to see if a survey of your site is available; and, equipment rental companies should have materials specifications available for tents and canopies. Plan well - contact Kill Devil Hills' Planning Department at least 30 days in advance of your event date to make sure the tent you want is properly permitted. A \$100 permit fee is applicable.



How about music? Sure – enjoy some music, but, please remember others. Kill Devil Hills' noise regulations protect the right your neighbors have for quiet repose. Please give the Police Department a call and provide them with contact information so that if complaints are received they can be easily addressed.

Safety and Courtesy. Please avoid crowds on elevated decks. Some older houses have decks that do not meet North Carolina Building Code minimum requirements. Please be sensible and don't jeopardize a perfect photo op. Also, some houses may not be approved for large gatherings – check with your realtor before your final commitment.

There's not enough parking at the house. Even the large houses may not have enough parking if you're expecting many guests. Kill Devil Hills provides a number of public beach accesses along Virginia Dare Trail (NC 12) and you're welcome to use them for overflow parking. Keep in mind that we will not reserve a parking lot for your event and all vehicles must keep emergency access to the ocean beaches clear. Please pay attention to the signs - parking along Virginia Dare Trail, or along municipal side streets is not permitted and violators are subject to being towed and fined.

Anything else? Hmm. Well, in North Carolina you can't have fireworks that explode or fly through the air. NCGS 14-144 is the law reference if you want to look it up. Oh, and personalized or handmade directional signs located within street rights of way or on beach access areas and other public property aren't permitted, either. That's a town regulation and if you put them up, be prepared for them to be taken down without notice.



Have we covered everything? Almost certainly not. Unique events generate one-of-a-kind questions. But we've addressed some of the more important issues that will affect the success of your special event. Remember, get Kill Devil Hills' staff involved early in the planning stages – we're glad to help.