

Temporary outdoor dining guidance

Ōtautahi Christchurch

Overview

People dining and socialising outdoors bring vibrancy and buzz to our central city and suburban areas.

We've developed guidelines to help hospitality businesses understand what's acceptable for use in outdoor dining space. This is to make sure it's safe and visually appealing for everyone using our footpaths, streets and public spaces.

Our easy to use online application form for outdoor dining requests, is at ccc.govt.nz/outdoordining

Temporary outdoor dining licenses are generally used for short-term options for the summer as they only include permission for the use of tables, chairs and free standing umbrellas. Each application takes a maximum of five working days to process.

This guidance aligns with the Public Street Enclosures Policy 2006.

Key principles

Public space – footpaths, streets and laneways are provided for everyone's benefit.

People's movement should not be hindered, whatever their age or ability.

Excessive visual and physical clutter within public spaces is to be avoided.

A single color for umbrellas and a simple colour and material palette for street furniture is preferred.

All outdoor dining areas must maintain clear pedestrian footpath access of 2 metres minimum.

Permitted standards

Accessibility

- All outdoor dining areas must maintain clear pedestrian footpath access of 2 metres minimum.
- Maintain good, clear accessibility to the surrounding streets, footpaths, lanes and shared paths.
- Accessibility and visibility of business entrances, public benches, cycle stands and rubbish bins are to be maintained.
- Appropriate distance from art works, lamp posts, signs and street trees should also be considered.

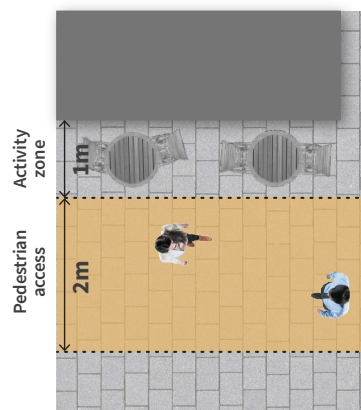
Furniture

- Quality, durable finishes suitable for outdoor public use, and maintained to a high standard.
- Use of a simple range of materials and a consistent colour pallet.
- Must be stable in windy conditions and not present a health and safety risk.
- Logos integrated within the street furniture. No separate signage or advertising, such as sandwich boards.

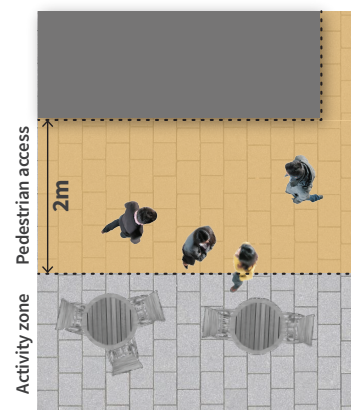
Umbrellas

- Freestanding umbrellas with a single support only.
- Clearance between the footpath and the underside of the umbrella should not be less than 1.8 metres minimum.
- Use of a single colour to minimise visual clutter.

Examples of outdoor dining options



Activity zone (1 metre) along the building edge, with a clear footpath (2 metres).



Clear footpath along the building edge (2 metres).



An example of temporary outdoor dining.

For more information visit

ccc.govt.nz/outdoordining

Contact the Council on 941 8999 or 0800 800 169
Email outdoor.dining@ccc.govt.nz

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