

Guide to A Successful Rat's Mouth Tailgate

This guide was developed to assist student organizations in the Organized Student Tailgate Area (Rat's Mouth). Please note there will be FAU staff present to ensure that all policies and procedures regarding Registered Student Tailgates are followed. Failure to follow any of the policies or procedures will result in a revocation of tailgating privileges. If you have any concerns leading up to or on Game Day, please contact the Student Union Administrative Offices at 561.297.3730.

Tailgating Coordinator: The organization's tailgating coordinator will serve as the liaison to the University for all tailgating questions and concerns. This individual must be present for the entirety of the tailgate.

Setting Up Your Tailgate: Depending on the number of registered tailgates, student organizations will be assigned to a space in the Rat's Mouth. *You may not set-up on or cook on any sidewalk area. In addition, no vehicles are permitted in the Student Tailgate area.* You may drive up to the loading dock between the Administration Building and the Social Science Building to unload your vehicle prior to setting up your tailgate. Please note that vehicles in the loading area may not be left unattended. Following the unloading of your vehicle, you may park in one of the assigned lots. The University is not responsible for any thefts or damages suffered to tailgating belongings.

Cleaning Up Your Tailgate: Tailgate areas must be cleaned and cleared of all personal belongings prior to kickoff. You are expected to bring all of your trash and recycling, including charcoal, to appropriately designated receptacles.

Food: Chartwells has developed a No-Frills Tailgating Menu for organized tailgates. Orders must be made by Noon, Monday prior to Game Day. Should you wish to use an alternate vendor, an approved "food waiver" and a "Temporary Food Service Permit" must be obtained. A "food waiver," may be obtained by following the process at: <http://www.fau.edu/studentunion/forms/foodwaiver.pdf>. A "Temporary Food Service Permit" may be obtained by following the Food Safety Program requirements at <http://www.fau.edu/facilities/ehs/safety/Food-Safety-Program.php>. *Each of your organization's food servers/handlers will need to complete the on-line training located at the website. This is a one-time requirement for each food server/handler.* The tailgate will not be fully approved until the Student Union Office receives a copy of the receipt for your Chartwells order or both your food waiver and temporary food service permit. The "Temporary Food Service Permit" must be displayed at your organization's tailgate. Cooking is not permitted within 20 feet of any physical structure. All charcoal must be fully extinguished and placed in designated receptacles prior to kick-off. Please be reminded that glass bottles are not permitted.

Tents: There is no limitation on the size of personal tents. Tents should be secured from blowing over; however, staking to the ground is not permitted. It is recommended that you utilize sandbags or an alternate weighting method. If a professional tenting company will be utilized, please inform the Student Union Office to arrange for delivery, set-up, break-down, and pick-up. There may be limitations to the size of tents assembled by professional tenting companies.

Restroom Facilities: Please note that the restrooms on the Breezeway will be unlocked on Game Day. You are encouraged to utilize the Breezeway restrooms during your tailgate.

Power Supplies: Electrical cords plugged into the outlets on University structures are not permitted. Furthermore, generators are not permitted. Any pieces of equipment requiring power should be battery operated. As a reminder, amplified sound is not permitted here.

Other: Please note that nothing may be hung from natural objects (i.e. trees, plants) or physical structures (i.e. lampposts, signposts, etc.).