



Shade Sail Canopies

PERMIT POLICY:

1. A permit is *not required* for shade sail canopies for IRC dwellings when *all the following* are met:
 - a. Each shade sail is 120 square feet max.
 - b. *And* each shade sail is self-supported (one post per connection and cannot be supported by or attached directly to the house)
 - c. *And* 8ft maximum in height
 - d. *And* located 3ft away from all property lines
2. A permit is *always required* for shade sails associated with commercial and multi-family buildings.
3. When a permit is required, all of the following items must be submitted for review:
 - a. Submit Specifications showing shades are fire retardant in compliance with NFPA701
 - b. Submit structural engineering (stamped letter or plans from a Colorado licensed Engineer) in compliance with City of Fort Collins wind and snow loads.
 - i. Design for snow load is not required when a signed letter from the owner is submitted stating that the sail will be removed during the snow season or prior to snowfall.