

Benefits of Adopting the NFPA 1194 Standard for Recreational Vehicle Parks and Campgrounds

- NFPA 1194 is a nationally recognized standard developed, maintained and published by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).
- Members of the NFPA Technical Committee responsible for overseeing NFPA 1194 include a balanced slate of government officials, testing & listing agencies, fire consultants, fire marshals, campground and RV associations, developers, consumer clubs, RV manufacturers and suppliers and other independent experts. To ensure that NFPA 1194 remains a true consensus standard, no single interest group can constitute more than 1/3 of the overall voting committee membership.
- The standard is revised and re-published every three years to incorporate needed changes and new technology through an ongoing process that is transparent and open to the public for review and comment.
- Outlines minimum safety requirements for general design, fire safety, environmental health & sanitation, and establishes uniform definitions.
- Includes valuable “annex” sections that address typical site plan safety, sanitary disposal stations, operational guidelines, detailed site layout drawings, examples of the variety of RV types and a comprehensive glossary of relevant terms, with detailed descriptions.
- This standard will greatly assist all public and private entities engaged in the design and construction of proposed new-build campgrounds, as well as the modernization and expansion of existing campgrounds/RV sites; resulting in safe and modern facilities built to serve current and future generations of RV consumers.
- The NFPA 1192 *Standard for Recreational Vehicles*, which provides RV manufacturing standards, compliments the NFPA 1194 standard in several ways. The most important of these include standardized systems connections (e.g., electrical, plumbing, etc.), thereby enabling the safe and proper connection of utilities without the need for consumer-provided extension cords (which are typically under sized and potentially hazardous).
- Major private-sector campgrounds, which are reporting significant growth in RV overnight stays, adhere to the NFPA 1194 standard and either meet or exceed the minimums set forth.
- However, the absence of a national effort to adopt NFPA 1194 across the board has and will potentially continue to result in the construction of RV parks and campgrounds, especially those on public lands, which fail to meet these essential standards.
- The Recreation Vehicle Industry Association (RVIA), the Recreation Vehicle Dealers Association (RVDA) and the National Association of RV Parks & Campgrounds (ARVC) all support and encourage campground operators to provide quality camping experiences by adhering to all applicable laws and regulations, and by operating campgrounds in compliance with national consensus standards such as the NFPA 1194 *Standard for Recreational Vehicle Parks and Campgrounds*.

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