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Canopy Weights and Safety Tips

Downtown Woodland tends to be quite windy- from the nice river air that rolls off the water and whips through the downtown core. Therefore, all canopies must be weighted, and here are some tips on how to make your canopy more secure.

Normal set-up: Each canopy must be weighted down by hanging at least 30 pound weight from each corner.

Hanging methods: Hang weights on each corner of your canopy, with the weight close to, but not touching the ground. Then snug the weights to the legs of the canopy to keep them from swinging or being bumped.

Canopy walls: Wind conditions may change, and canopy walls may increase the likelihood of your canopy sailing! Please be aware of the conditions and set up accordingly.

Here is one inexpensive way to make your own weights:

Materials:

- 4- sturdy plastic tubes, 4 inches in diameter & about 30 inches long
- 8- **plastic 'end caps'**
- 4- 4 inch eye bolts, approximately 4 inches long with a nut on the end.
- Drill and bit for making hole in 4 of the end caps
- Plastic pipe glue
- 2- bags of concrete mix
- Wheelbarrow, shovel, water and a place to work

Construction:

- 1) Cut four lengths of tube and glue one end cap on each tube.
- 2) Drill a hole in the center of each of the remaining 4 end caps, insert and eyebolt through each, and turn a nut slightly onto each. This nut will help anchor the bolt in the wet concrete as you cap the tubes.
- 3) Mix concrete as necessary and fill the first tube.
- 4) Place one of the remaining end caps over the end, firmly pushing the eyebolt into **the wet concrete. You won't need glue on this end. Set aside.**
- 5) Repeat for the remaining 3 tube/weight assemblies. Your weights will be usable in 24 hours.
- 6) As an alternative, sand may be used, but is far less heavy so you will need to use longer or larger tubes.

Have a wonderful and SAFE Market!