



Richmond Fire-Rescue General Fire Safety Requirements for Food Vendors Including Mobile Food Trucks

All vendors must meet requirements defined in NFPA 96* standards.

The following list outlines specific fire requirements for vendors and is provided to eliminate or reduce last minute delays to vendors applying for event approval.

1. All commercial cooking units (deep fryers, grills, etc) in trailers or trucks shall have an automatic suppression system (meeting ULC300) and at least one portable Class K wet chemical fire extinguisher.
2. All commercial deep fryers (no matter where they are located) are required to have a portable Class K wet chemical extinguisher.
3. Vendors using heating or cooking units shall provide for their own use at least one portable multi-purpose extinguisher (minimum 10 pound 4A-60B:C rated). Fire Extinguishers must be **visible**, **accessible**, and may not sit on the ground.
4. All commercial cooking units, other than approved self-contained units, require non-combustible hoods, filters, or trays for containing grease laden vapours—must have been cleaned and tagged by a certified Applied Science Technologist Technician (ASTT) or company within the past 6 months.
5. All appliances are required to have appropriate certification and/or listing (e.g. CSA, ULC).
6. All tents and awnings with any heat sources and/or cooking units underneath must be fire treated and labelled to meet NFPA 705 (regardless of clearances - **no** exceptions).
7. All commercial cooking exhaust hoods must have required filters and trays installed at all times (mesh filters are not permitted). Tagged by a certified ASST within the past 6 months.
8. All extinguishers and automatic suppression systems must have current service completed by an ASTT, complete with stamped service tag.
9. Stand alone stove or burners and self-contained cooking appliances shall be supported on an approved base or non-combustible surface and kept away from combustibles (do not place directly on the ground). No folding tables with oil cooking on top.
10. Propane cylinders and tanks shall be secured to a permanent surface to prevent tipping and located away from cooking and heat devices as per all applicable Gas Codes and Standards.
11. No unattached (spare) propane tanks are to be in the cooking area.
12. Temporary electrical power, generators, and any connections to vendors must be proper thickness, size and capacity (gauge) and properly rated (e.g. CSA, ULC), protected from weather and vehicle traffic and restricted from public access—do not use damaged power cords. No household extension cords.
13. Generators may require a noise cover or acceptable non-combustible housing depending on location. Combustible items may not be placed on generators in contact with hot surfaces e.g. tarps.

* **National Fire Protection Association 96:** provides preventive and operative fire safety requirements intended to reduce the potential fire hazard of both public and private commercial cooking operations.

For further information or questions, please call Richmond Fire-Rescue at 604-278-5131, Monday to Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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