

Guidelines for Mobile Food Trucks

Mobile food trucks have all the potential ingredients for a fire that can flame out of control causing serious damage, injury and even death: Open flames, hot equipment, electrical connections, cooking oils, cleaning chemicals, propane, engine oil and paper products. A fire can be devastating, but there are fire safety basics you can take to prevent fires and minimize the damage.

Please ensure your mobile food facility meets the requirements listed below:

- Mobile food trucks cannot be park in Fire Lanes or obstruct Fire Department access to building exits or entrances.
- Mobile food truck vendors must have authorization from the property owner before operating on private property.
- A Type I hood shall be installed at or above all commercial cooking appliances and domestic cooking appliances used for commercial purposes that produce grease-laden vapors.
- Commercial kitchen exhaust hoods shall comply with the requirements of the International Mechanical Code. Hoods shall be inspected, tested, and maintained in accordance with NFPA 96. (Every 6 months, with documentation from the company that conducted the inspection and certification indicating the date and status of the inspection.)
- Mobile food trucks must have an approved/valid 2A:20BC and Type K rated fire extinguisher.
- A maximum of two LP gas containers (100 pounds each) with a total aggregate water capacity of 200 pounds is permitted at one mobile food facility.
- LP gas cylinders shall be secured in an approved manner in an upright position. LP gas cylinders shall not be stored within the facility at any time. If stored within a compartment, the compartment shall have approved venting directly to the exterior and must not allow venting to the interior of the facility at any time.
- If LP gas storage is added to the rear of the facility, an appropriate approved bumper shall be added to the rear of the facility to provide adequate impact protection.
- Mobile food facilities shall not be located within 10 feet of buildings, tents, canopies, or membrane structures or within 10 feet of any other mobile food facility.
- Extension cords must be heavy duty (12 to 14-gauge wire) and listed for outdoor use.
- Never refuel a portable generator while it is operating! Locate generators at least 20' away from your mobile food vending unless the generator is 6,500 watts or smaller and not readily accessible to the public.