



FOOD TRUCK SAFETY SHEET

This food truck safety information is being offered as guidance to any persons wishing to operate a food truck in Dawson County. Any food truck operating in the County is required to comply with the Georgia State Minimum Fire Prevention Code, and this compliance must be verified through inspection by this office annually. The following list represents some of the common areas of fire and life safety that are addressed during these inspections.

- Mobile food preparation vehicles equipped with cooking or warming appliances that produce smoke or grease-laden vapors shall comply with NFPA 96 (Ventilation Control and Fire Protection of Commercial Cooking Operations) as adopted by O.C.G.A. 120-3-3. This may include the requirement for a commercial cooking exhaust hood and automatic fire suppression system.
- Hood systems shall be regularly maintained and cleaned following NFPA 96 guidelines.
- Portable fire extinguishers shall be selected and installed in kitchen cooking areas in accordance with NFPA 10, and shall be specifically listed for such use (typically, a class A, K, or ABC type extinguisher is required). All required extinguishes must have an inspection tag affixed to it by a Georgia licensed fire extinguisher company dated less than 12 months prior.
- Mobile food preparation vehicles using either LP or CNG, shall have an appropriate gas leak detection alarm installed.
- If using open flames (solid fuel or gas) for cooking inside a mobile food preparation vehicle, at least one carbon monoxide detector shall be installed in the vehicle.
- Fire apparatus access roads shall not be obstructed in any manner, including the parking of vehicles. This includes fire lanes and roads leading to buildings.
- Mobile food preparation shall not obstruct access to fire hydrants. No vehicles, trailers, or tents 15 feet to the front and 15 feet to the rear of the fire hydrant.
- Generators that are not vehicle-mounted shall be 12 feet from the vehicle and shall be isolated from the public by physical guard, fence, or enclosure installed not less than 3 feet from the generator.
- Gas fueled cooking appliances shall be secured in place and restricted from unintentional movement by approved restraining devices.
- Mobile food preparation vehicles utilizing solid fuels for smoking, cooking, or warming foods shall take adequate measures to ensure safe proper disposal of ashes or partially burned fuels, and to secure same during transport.

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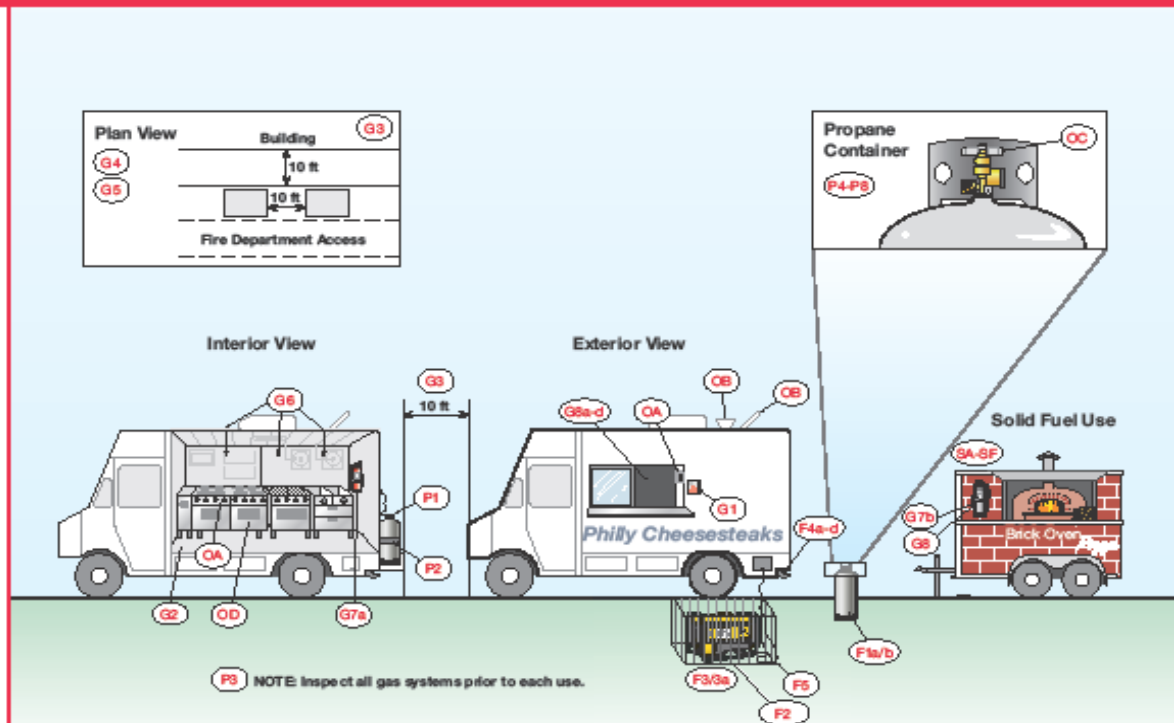
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This is not an all-inclusive list but may be used as a guide to ensure your mobile food preparation vehicle complies with local and state regulations. Below you will find a diagram to help explain some of these rules. For additional information or questions, please contact the Dawson County Fire Prevention Division at fireprevention@dawsoncounty.org or by calling 706-344-3500 to ask for the Fire Marshal's Office.



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NFPA code references are provided at the end of each item. The red keys correspond to the NFPA food truck safety diagram. For more detailed information, see NFPA 1 and Chapter 17 in NFPA 96.

General Safety Checklist

- Obtain license or permits from the local authorities. [1:1.12.8(a)] **G1**
- Ensure there is no public seating within the mobile food truck. [1:50.8.3.2] **G2**
- Check that there is a clearance of at least 10 ft away from buildings, structures, vehicles, and any combustible materials. [96:17.2] **G3**
- Verify fire department vehicular access is provided for fire lanes and access roads. [1:8.2.4] **G4**
- Ensure clearance is provided for the fire department to access fire hydrants and access fire department connections. [1:13.1.4; 1:13.1.5] **G5**
- Check that appliances using combustible media are protected by an approved fire extinguishing system. [96:10.1.2] **G6**
- Verify portable fire extinguishers have been selected and installed in kitchen cooking areas in accordance with NFPA 10. [96:10.9] **G7a**
- Where cooking appliances that use solid fuel, such as charcoal or wood, produce grease-laden vapors, make sure the appliances are protected by listed fire-extinguishing equipment. [96:15.7.1] **G7b**
- Ensure that workers are trained in the following: [96:17.10]: **G8**
 - Proper use of portable fire extinguishers and extinguishing systems [96:17.10.1(1)] **G8a**
 - Proper method of shutting off fuel sources [96:17.10.1(2)] **G8b**
 - Proper procedure for notifying the local fire department [96:17.10.1(1)] **G8c**
 - Proper procedure for how to perform simple leak test on gas connections [96:17.10.1(5)] **G8d**

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