



EVESHAM TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

Fire Prevention Division

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NEW JERSEY UNIFORM FIRE CODE: COOKING VENDOR GUIDELINES

- The following are minimum guidelines for each cooking vendor at festivals, carnivals, etc.
- A site plan may be required by the Fire Official prior to event.
- This requirement fact sheet may not be all inclusive of the requirements of the NJUFC and/of NJUCC

FIRE SAFETY PERMIT:

- N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.7(a); All cooking vendors shall be required to apply for a Type 1V fire safety permit issued by Evesham Fire-Rescue Fire Prevention Division. All permits shall be made available to the fire official upon inspection.
- N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.9(c) A Type 1V \$54.00 Permit Fee is required; vendor shall provide a check or money order payable to “Evesham Township Fire District No.1”. No cash will be accepted. Permits will not be issued unless payment is made in full.
- N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.7(f); The fire official upon inspection may deny or revoke a permit at any time; this can be due to failure to meet the permit conditions, unabated fire code violations or unsafe conditions.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS: All cooking vendors shall supply their own fire extinguishers.

- N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 906.2; All fire extinguishers shall comply with NFPA 10/2002. All fire extinguishers shall have a valid dated inspection tag, good for the current time of year.
- N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 904.11.5; Class K portable fire extinguishers are required for cooking with vegetable or animal oils and fats.
- N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 904.11.5.1; Class K portable fire extinguishers are required for cooking with solid fuel.
- N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 904.11.5.2; Class K portable fire extinguishers required for deep fat fryers. (See 2006 IFC-NJ for size and quantity)
- N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 2404.12; Fire extinguishers - at least one portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 4-A rating, or two portable fire extinguishers with a minimum 2-A rating each, shall be provided in/under all tents. This is in addition to any requirement for Class K extinguishers noted above.

PROPANE TANKS:

- N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 3003.5.3; Propane tanks shall be secured, to prevent falling over.
- N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 3801.1; Propane tanks and equipment shall comply with NFPA 58/2004.
- N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 3803.2.1; Propane tanks shall not be taken into buildings/tents, (see 2006 IFC-NJ for exceptions)
- Propane tanks between 4 and 40 lbs. shall have an Overfill Protection Device for filling in NJ.
- Propane tanks shall be hydro tested every 12 years, and not dented or badly rusted.
- Regulator shall be in good condition and the relief valve shall face away from the public areas.
- All plastic type protective caps shall be removed from all propane tanks before operating.
- Hoses shall not be covered with grease and shall not be swollen.
- Hoses shall not create a tripping hazard

MOBILE CANTEENS, FOOD TRUCKS AND COOKING TRAILERS:

- N.J.A.C. 5:70-4.7(g) All cooking operations that, by way of cooking method or type of cuisine, creates/produces grease laden vapors **shall** be equipped with an exhaust hood, duct, and automatic kitchen hood fire suppression system.
- N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 904.6; Chemical extinguishing systems **must** be inspected/tested within 6 months by a company possessing a valid NJ Division of Fire Safety Contractor Permit (if the truck is registered in another state, then it must be inspected within the last 6 months, but the inspection does not have to be performed by a company having a NJ Division of Fire Safety Contractor Permit) and produce a copy of the fire suppression system inspection report upon request of the inspector
- N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 609.2; Excessive grease and residue buildup on kitchen exhaust systems, cleaning required.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 104.3; All appliances shall be listed and labeled and approved by the fire code official.
- N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 2403.8.2; No vehicles shall be parked within 5 feet of tents or canopies.
- N.J.A.C. 5:70-3, 2404.15.3; Suitable barricades shall be provided to maintain a distance of 5 feet between the heat producing appliance and the public.
- Only approved lighter fluid shall be used for charcoal grills.
- Grills shall be attended by a competent adult at all times and no children permitted near hot grills.

TENT AND POP-UP SHELTER RESTRICTIONS:

- The NJ Uniform Fire Code expressly PROHIBITS cooking under tents, using deep fryers under tents, and cooking with grease laden vapors under tents. However.....
- **The New Jersey State Health Department regulations are in conflict with the NJUFC cooking restriction under tents, as they require an outside cooking area to be protected from airborne contaminants. Cooking under pop-up style tents no larger than 12x12 is permissible in Evesham Township if the following conditions are met:**
 - All conditions in this fact sheet must be met and all other provisions of the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code must be met if you intent to cook under a small tent
 - The tent must be constructed of flame retardant material
 - Cooking appliances will be located as close to the tent edge as possible
 - Only persons required for food preparation are allowed under tent
 - Tents will be spaced so that no shorter than 5' between adjacent tents
 - No sides can be placed on the tent
 - Only listed commercial cooking appliances allowed under tents (no residential barbeques allowed)
 - **Cooking under tents only applies to those tents smaller than or equal to 12x12 and/or 144 square feet in size. Any cooking under a tent larger than 12x12 is expressly prohibited in Evesham Township.**

PERMIT REQUIRED TENTS, CANOPIES, AND POP-UP SHELTERS:

Tents, canopies, or shelters *which meet the following criteria* will require a Type 1XV fire safety permit *in addition to* the Type 1V cooking/open flame fire safety permit:

- All tents/canopies greater than 900 square feet with or without side panels will require a separate permit for each.
- All tents/canopies greater than 30 feet in travel distance in any one direction will require a separate permit for each.
- All tents/canopies that will remain in place for fewer than 180 days.
- All tents/canopies that are used or occupied between April 1 and November 30.
- All tents/canopies that do not have a permanent anchoring system or foundation.
- All tents/canopies that contain platforms and bleachers up to 11 feet in height