



# Winnetka Fire Department

## Food Truck Fire Prevention Checklist

### General Safety

- Obtain proper permits from the Village.
- A 10# ABC Fire extinguisher is required for all food trucks.
- Workers must be knowledgeable in operations of fire protection systems, utility shut-offs, emergency procedures and access to fire/police.
- A K-Type extinguisher is required for any grease cooking operation.
- Food truck to provide a 10 foot clearance from all buildings, other vehicles and combustible materials. Variations require approval of a Fire Department Official.
- A fire department access road must be maintained.
- The use of a tent or canopy will require a separate permit.
- All exhaust from the truck or generator shall be directed away from and a minimum of 10 feet from any intake, opening or means of egress.

### Generator Safety

- All fuel tanks are to be filled to proper capacity for continuous service prior to the start of the event.
- Generators shall be shut-down and cooled prior to refueling.
- All electrical appliances and generators shall comply with the Electrical Code (NFPA70 - 2009)
- Generators attached to the vehicles shall be enclosed in a vented housing and away from public access.
- Cords in the walkways or exit paths must be covered to prevent trips/falls.
- Generators shall be properly grounded.

### LPG Gas Safety

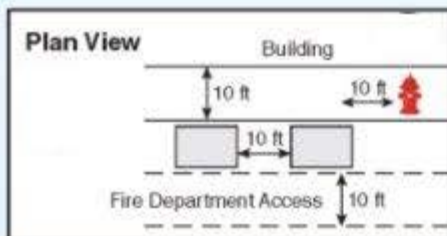
- All gas shut-offs shall be readily accessible.
- LPG tanks shall be stored in the upright position and secured to prevent from falling over.
- All LPG tanks shall be inspected for leaks prior to use.
- No LPG tank is permitted to be stored in the vehicle during operations.
- Tanks stored outside the vehicle should be 10 feet from any building, combustible materials or any other vehicle.
- Keep LPG tanks out of direct sunlight and from general public access.
- All LPG lines and fittings must be listed for LPG use.

### Wood/Charcoal Cooking

- Wood/charcoal shall be stored not less than 3 feet from cooking area.
- Fuel should not be stored near food supply, combustible materials, ignition sources or chemicals.
- Ashes must be placed into a closed metal container a minimum of 3 feet from the cooking area.
- Ashes should not be disposed of in public waste containers.



## FACT SHEET » Food Truck Safety



**Interior View**



**Exterior View**



**Solid Fuel Use**



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