



## COSUMNES FIRE DEPARTMENT

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## Food Booth and Vendor Regulations

### INTRODUCTION

Vendors invited to participate in events within the Cosumnes Fire Department District are expected to abide by all fire and life safety regulations concerning the vendor's specific service as either cited or referenced in Title 19 of the California Code of Regulations and the 2016 and the California Fire Code. Listed below are certain minimum fire and life safety requirements, which are common to most events involving food or craft booths. Please contact the Cosumnes Fire Department Prevention Bureau at (916) 405-7100 with any questions.

Prior to the beginning of each event, all vendor booths will be inspected by the Cosumnes Fire Department. Once all applicable fire and life safety requirements, including but not limited to those listed below, are met, an inspection compliance "tag" will be issued to the vendor. The tag must be attached to the booth and displayed in a conspicuous location throughout the event. However, if the inspector determines that the vendor does not comply with minimum fire and life safety requirements, an event coordinator will be notified and the vendor will be asked to correct the problems or discontinue operation.

This standard will apply to individual tents, temporary structures or membrane structures.

**Note: The event coordinator is responsible for compliance of all regulations.**

### DEFINITIONS:

**TENT:** A structure, enclosure or shelter, with or without sidewalls or drops, constructed of fabric or pliable material supported in any manner except by air or the contents that it protects.

**FOOD BOOTH:** A food service establishment that operates at a fixed location in conjunction with a single event or celebration.

**VENDOR BOOTH:** All booths except food service booths.

### Heating Equipment

1. Cooking and heating equipment shall not be located within 10 feet of exits or combustible materials.

2. Outdoor cooking that produces sparks or grease laden vapors shall not be performed within 20 feet of a tent.
3. Electrical heating equipment shall comply with the California Electrical Code and be UL listed.

### **Propane**

1. The use of PROPANE as a source of fuel for heating is regulated by the National Fire Codes (Standard #58) and the California Fire Code. ( Chapters 53 and 61)
2. LP-gas equipment such as tanks, piping, hoses, fitting, valves, tubing and other related components shall be approved and in accordance with California Fire Code Chapter 61 and the California Mechanical Code.
3. Containers shall be located outside. Safety release valves shall be pointed away from the tent, canopy or membrane structure. Containers may **NOT** be located in approved fire lanes. If containers are located in the fire lane, they will be relocated or the piece of equipment will not be used.
4. Portable LP-gas containers with a maximum capacity of 20 gallons or less shall have a minimum separation between the container and structures of not less than 10 feet.
5. Portable LP-gas containers, piping, valves and fittings which are located outside and are being used to fuel equipment inside a tent, canopy or membrane structure shall be adequately protected to prevent tampering, damage by vehicles or other hazards and shall be located in an approved location. Containers shall be secured in an upright position and must be located at least 5 feet apart from each other.
6. Rubber hoses or metal flexible hoses connecting the tank with the appliance must be approved for propane. The letters "LPG" and the symbol "U/L" on the hose are sufficient evidence of acceptability. "Slip-end" connectors are not allowed; rubber hoses must be fitted with factory-made metal fittings.
7. Cooking appliances must have an on-off valve placed far enough away to be shut off in case of a fire.
8. Shut-off valves must be provided at each fuel source.
9. No storage of extra propane tanks will be allowed in the booth.
10. Tanks not in use must be turned **OFF**.
11. Unused fuel cylinders shall be stored in a secured position. Unused and empty cylinders must be located 50 feet away from all combustibles.
12. Maximum outside storage is 10 gallons.

**Note: Specialized cooking equipment, used outside of the booth may have larger tanks, when approved by the Cosumnes Fire Department.**

### **Booth Construction and Location**

1. All fabrics or membranes covering-food booths larger than 10x10 feet must bear a conspicuous and durable label indicating that the material is flame resistant. Label and wording must be consistent with the requirements of Title 19 of the California Code of Regulations, Subchapter 2, Sections 332, 334 and 335.
2. Decorative materials must be inherently fire resistive, or must be treated with a

fire-retardant paint or spray.

3. Flooring material used within a food booth and under cooking equipment must be non-combustible or fire-retardant treated. All tarps must have the CPAI-84 certification label attached. Untreated plastic tarps will not be accepted.
4. Each vendor booth shall have at least one exit, minimum 3 feet wide by 6'8" in height (booth frame shall not intersect exit path).

### **Electrical Power**

1. Generators will be placed in locations approved by the Cosumnes Fire Department for festival use.
2. Generators will be located a minimum of 20 feet from tents or canopies and will be isolated from contact with the public by approved means.
3. Refueling of generators is prohibited during event hours. No extra fuel shall be stored during event hours.
4. During approved refueling times, no smoking or open flames are allowed within 25 feet of the generator.
5. Each generator must be provided with a fire extinguisher with a minimum 40B:C rating. The extinguisher shall be located near the generator and accessible at all times.
6. Extension cords will be of grounded type, approved for exterior use and one continuous cord not exceeding 100 feet.
7. Extension cords will not be frayed or worn and will not be laid in any areas with pedestrian traffic unless they are covered by an approved means.

### **Frying/Flambé/Open Flame Cooking**

1. Cooking with charcoal is prohibited.
2. Frying is defined as any cooking operation or process whereby the product floats or is submerged in hot oil during the cooking process.
3. Frying is prohibited inside booths and must be located 20 feet from a tent or membrane structure.
4. Frying must not be accessible by the general public.
5. Frying equipment must be equipped with a temperature regulating device or other method of regulating temperatures approved by the Cosumnes Fire Department.
6. Each booth must be equipped with a **Class K Type fire extinguisher**.

### **Fire Extinguishers**

1. Each cooking booth must be equipped with a fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A:10B:C. (5 LB dry chemical extinguisher)
2. For vendor booths, the maximum travel distance to a fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A:10B:C must not exceed 75 feet.
3. Booths that will be frying will require a Class K Type fire extinguisher.
4. Fire extinguishers must be visible and accessible.
5. Fire extinguishers must be serviced annually and be tagged accordingly.
6. Each generator must be provided with a fire extinguisher with a minimum 40B:C



rating. The extinguisher shall be located near the generator and accessible at all times.

**Fire Safety Tips**

1. Know where the nearest fire extinguisher is located and how to use it.
2. **DO NOT** leave cooking operations unattended.
3. **DO NOT** wear loose fitting clothing while cooking.
4. Remove trash accumulation regularly.
5. Keep combustibles away from heat sources.

In case of emergency, **DIAL 9-1-1** from a cell phone

**Sample Labels:**

 <p><b>INHERENTLY FLAME RETARDANT</b> SIZE _____ SEE REVERSE</p>	FRONT	 <p>THIS ARTICLE MUST BE RETREATED AFTER WASHING OR DRY CLEANING BY SYSTEMS WITH SOAP AND WATER ADDED. SIZE _____ SEE REVERSE</p>
<p><b>INHERENTLY FLAME RETARDANT</b> Supplied by _____ Registration No. _____ Date _____</p>	BACK	<p><b>FLAME RETARDANT</b> Treated by _____ Name of Chemical Used _____ Registration No. _____ Date of Application _____</p>

ANY OTHER USE IS PROHIBITED  
WITHOUT THE EXPRESS WRITTEN  
PERMISSION OF THE STATE FIRE  
MARSHAL .

# Food Booth and Vendor Agreement

A copy of these requirements and regulations shall be posted in the structure and signed by the vendor. By signing this form the vendor agrees to comply with these regulations. The signed copy will be available on request for review by the Cosumnes Fire Department.

For questions, please call the Cosumnes Fire Department Prevention Bureau (916) 405-7100.

Food Booth Operator's signature		Date of Event
Food Booth Operator's printed name		
Booth Name		
Cosumnes Fire Department Inspector		Date of Inspection