

General Fire Safety Rules for Cooking at Special Events

- All vendors' booths, tents, propane tanks, portable generators, charcoal grills, electrical equipment and appliances, fire extinguishers or any other festival structures or equipment as required shall meet the BC Fire Code and shall be inspected by a Pemberton Fire Department representative prior to the start of the event.
- All tents and flap material shall be manufactured from inherently flame resistant material. A certificate from the manufacturer will be required if a label certifying flame resistance is not permanently attached to the tent or flap material.

Label Or Certificate Is Mandatory, If Not In Place Or In Hand You Will Not Be Allowed To Operate.

- Electric cords and wiring shall not be placed directly on the ground unless they are properly protected from physical damage and shall be placed so as not to cause a tripping hazard. Electric receptacles shall be ground fault protected.
- Cooking booths or any booth or mobile unit shall be placed to allow access to fire hydrants for fire department vehicles, and provide for unobstructed ways of travel at all times to permit free escape from any point of danger in case of fire.
- Cooking booths or any booth or mobile unit using a solid, liquid or gas fuel source shall have a minimum 2A-10 BC rated fire extinguisher. Cooking booths that have a deep fat fryer shall also have a "K" rated fire extinguisher.
- Units that have commercial ventilation systems shall bear a **CURRENT** inspection tag validated within the last 12 months.
- Suppression systems and all Fire extinguishers shall bear a **CURRENT** inspection tag validated within the past twelve months or a receipt of purchase within the last 12 months.
- Extinguishers shall be located in an area that is easily accessible for use. In addition, all employees working in the booth or tent shall be trained in the proper use of the fire extinguishers.

Current Tags Are Required or You Will Not Be Allowed To Operate

- Cooking appliances shall be isolated from the public by at least four feet or a suitable barrier placed between the cooking device and the public. Cooking appliances shall be installed per the manufacturer instructions. Non- U.L. or CSA listed appliances shall have clearances of not less than 36 inches at the back and sides and 48 inches in the front.

- All electrical cords shall be U.L. or CSA listed electrical cords rated for outdoors use.
- NO HOUSEHOLD OR NON-WEATHER TIGHT POWER CORDS OR ELECTRICAL OUTLETS WILL BE PERMITTED.
- All electrical wiring and devices shall be in compliance with the National Electrical Code.

All Vendors Should Be Aware That The Fire Inspector Will Inspect The Site Prior To The Opening Of The Festival Event And That All Of The Above Items Which Are The Responsibility Of The Vendor Must Be In Place Or The Vendor *Will Not* Be Allowed To Open For Business. If During The Course Of The Event An Onsite Inspection Determines That There Is A Violation Of Any Of These Conditions, The Vendor's Business Shall Be Closed Until Such Time As The Proper Corrective Measures Have Been Taken And Inspected By The Pemberton Fire Department Representative.

Requirements for Propane (LP Gas) At Festival Sites

- Propane tanks shall be placed outside of tents or other structures and must be secured to prevent tanks from being tipped or knocked over.
- Suitable fencing shall be placed around propane tanks.
- Propane tanks on grassy areas shall be chained or securely attached to stakes driven into the ground.
- Propane tanks located on pavement shall be securely attached to an immovable object.
- Propane tanks, hoses and fittings shall be free from leaks and are subject to inspection by the Fire Inspections Division.
- Only rubber hose stamped "Approved for LP Gas" or rigid black pipe shall be used to transport gas from tanks to appliances.
- Copper piping shall NOT be used. Rubber hose shall be kept off the ground and be protected from physical damage.

Requirements for Charcoal Cooking at Festival Sites

- Charcoal appliances shall be placed in an open area outside of tent or structure.
- Charcoal appliances shall be installed on non-combustible surface and be properly supported and protected so that people will not come into contact with the appliance.
- Only approved charcoal lighter fluid shall be used to start the fire, and once the fire is ignited lighter fluid shall be removed from the booth and stored properly.

Requirements for Portable Generators at Festival Sites

- All portable generators shall be U.L. or CSA listed or equivalent.

- Once started, portable generators shall be capable of running continuously, without refueling, for the entire length of the event. Refueling a hot portable generator or the storage of fuel on site is prohibited.
- An approved fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 20 BC shall be placed close to the generator.
- The portable generator shall be located away from the public way and the public. Each portable generator shall be inspected by the Fire Department representative and approved before the event and prior to start up and use.

**ALL OPERATIONS SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN A SAFE MANNER WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH
NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED GOOD PRACTICES**