



## Key West Fire Department

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## Food Booth and Vendor Regulations

### Vendor Booth Construction and Location

1. Each vendor booth shall have at least one exit way, minimum 3 feet wide by 6' height (booth frame shall not intersect exit path).
2. A 60-inch clearance shall be maintained between the cooking surface and any combustible canopy.
3. All hydrants must maintain 5' clearance on each side to allow fire department access.
4. **Each vendor shall stay within their assigned area, equipment and supplies shall not be staged outside their allotted space. ie: sidewalks, exit ways.**

### Butane or Propane equipment:

1. Shut-off valves must be provided at each fuel source.
2. Tanks must be protected from damage and secured in an upright position and must be located at least 5 feet apart from each other.
3. No storage of extra butane or propane tanks in booth.
4. Tanks not in use must be turned **OFF**.
5. Unused fuel cylinders shall be stored in a secured position. Unused cylinders must be located 50 feet away from all combustibles.

All compressed gas bottles, flammable or non-flammable shall be properly secured to prevent accidental tipping over.

### Electrical Power:

1. Generators shall be placed in locations approved by the Fire Marshal's Office for "special events" use.
2. Refueling of generators is prohibited during event hours. No extra fuel shall be stored during event hours.
3. During approved refueling times, no smoking or open flames are allowed within 25 feet.
4. Extension cords shall be of grounded type and approved for exterior use. Extension cords shall be placed so as not to create a hazard.

### **Charcoal Cooking:**

1. Charcoal cooking must be located in areas away from public access.
2. Charcoal cooking must be 10 feet away from combustible structures and parked vehicles.
3. Coals shall be disposed in metal containers

### **Deep Fat Frying/Flambé/Open Flame Cooking:**

1. Deep fat frying is defined as any cooking operation or process whereby the product floats or is submerged in hot oil during the cooking process.
2. The cook area must not be accessible by the general public.
3. Deep fat frying equipment must be equipped with a temperature regulating device.
4. Separation must be maintained with a minimum of 3 feet clearance between deep fat frying and flambé or open flame cooking.

### **Fire Extinguishers:**

1. Each cooking booth must be equipped with a fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of **3A:40B:C**. (dry chemical extinguisher)
2. For vendor booths, the maximum travel distance to a fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of **3A:40B:C** must not exceed 75 feet.
3. Fire extinguishers must be serviced annually and be tagged accordingly.
4. 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.
5. Each cooking booth that is using deep fat fryers must have a **6 Liter Type K** (wet chemical fire extinguisher).

### **Miscellaneous:**

Fire Hydrants – Fire Hydrants must not be obstructed at any time for any reason.

Streets – Parking is limited, therefore, do not leave your vehicle parked where it will block the street in such a manner as to prevent other vehicles from passing.

*The above regulations are not inclusive of other general fire safety provisions that may be imposed upon inspection.*

***Any booth not in compliance will be immediately closed.***

## **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.
6. Do not spray lighter fluid on briquettes that have been previously ignited.
7. In case of emergency, **DIAL 9-1-1**.