

# City of Key West Special Event Permit Application

For assistance in filling out this application, please contact the City at (305) 809-3881 or via email at: [event\\_request@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:event_request@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)

Event Name: Key West Oyster Fest  
Location: Half Shell Raw Bar 231 Margaret St. Key West Fl. 33040  
Event Date(s): November 14 2026 Event Hours: 5pm to 11pm  
Set-Up Date: November 14 2026 Set-Up Time: 7 am  
Break-Down Date: November 14 2026 Break-Down Time: 11 pm  
Number of Expected Attendees: 500 Is the Event Open to the Public: Yes  No

Event Description: Provide a narrative description of the full scope of the event with as much detail as possible in the box, use additional sheets as needed. For multiple sub events, specify date and time range of each.

Key West Oyster Fest is a celebration of food, music, education, and coastal conservation designed to support oyster reef restoration efforts across Florida. Show casing a unique, immersive experience celebrating sustainably sourced Florida oysters and the joy of gathering with friends and family over incredible seafood. Key West Oyster Fest mission is to educate consumers about South Florida oyster farming while actively collecting shells for Gulf Coast oyster reef restoration.

## EVENT ORGANIZER INFORMATION

Company or Organization Name Half Shell Raw Bar  
Name Bobby K. Kuchinsky Phone number 305 304 8524  
Mailing Address 231 Margaret St.  
City Key West State FL Zip 33040 Email bobby@halfshellrawbar.com  
Tax ID / EIN# 232759028 Event Website: www.halfshellrawbar.com

## SECONDARY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name Fabio Galarce Phone number 305-926-1323  
Company or Organization Name Everglades Oyster Company  
Email fabio@evergladesoysters.com

## SPECIAL APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS (IF APPLICABLE)

Noise Exemption Required: Yes  Complete Supplement A No

Non-Profit Applicant or Benefit: Yes  Complete Supplement B No

Alcoholic Beverages Sold/Served at Event: Yes  Needs City Commission Approval No

Applicant(s) wishing to sell/consume alcoholic beverages on City property must have approval by the City Commission through Resolution and must hire an extra-duty police officer(s) for crowd control and safety as determined by the Key West Police Department or City Manager's Office. Applicant must have a liquor license and provide liquor liability insurance.

**INITIALS REQUIRED**

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1. **Application Form:** All Applicant(s) must fill out the City of Key West (City) application form provided to you by the Office of the City Manager. All applications are subject to approval at the discretion of the City Manager and/or City Commission and must in the Office of the City Manager 60 days prior to the event.

**Applicant Printed Name:** Bobby Kuchinsky **Signature:** 

2. **Liability Insurance:** Applicant(s) will be required to maintain the following types and amounts of insurance during the Special Event. All insurance coverages must be provided by insurance companies authorized to transact business within the State of Florida and must maintain an A.M. Best rating of A- or better.

Commercial General Liability with minimum limits of \$1,000,000  
Business Automobile Liability with minimum limits of \$1,000,000  
Statutory Workers' Compensation Coverage  
Employers Liability with minimum limits:  
- \$1,000,000 injury by accident  
- \$1,000,000 injury by disease  
- \$1,000,000 Policy Limits – Each Employee

If alcohol beverages will be sold at the event or if the event's attendees will be required to pay an admittance fee and alcoholic beverages will be served, the permittee will be required to maintain Full Liquor Liability coverage with minimum limits to \$1,000,000. Host Liquor Liability coverage will not be acceptable. If the permittee will use the services of a caterer and the caterer will be providing and servicing the alcoholic beverages, the City will honor evidence from the caterer that this requirement is being met.

The City of Key West shall be named as an "Additional Insured" on the permittees commercial general liability policy.

**Applicant Printed Name:** Bobby Kuchinsky **Signature:** 

3. **Indemnification:** The applicant shall indemnify and hold the City to harmless from all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, and expenses which maybe incurred by the City or which may be claimed against the City by any person, firm to the person or property f any person, firm, corporation, or entity which are consequent or arise from the activities of the permit holder activities or which damages/injuries are consequent or arise from permit holders failure to comply with all applicable laws, statutes, ordinances and regulations.

**Applicant Printed Name:** Bobby Kuchinsky **Signature:** 

4. **ADA:** All special events are required to comply with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act which requires access to all areas in services provided by the special events. Organizers must ensure that all aspects of their event meet the requirements.

Applicant Printed Name: Bobby Kuchinsky Signature: BK

5. **Notifying:** Notice of the city commission's proposed action on an application for a special event permit shall be mailed prior to the meeting at which the matter is to be considered to all property owners and occupants of property located within a 100-foot radius of the proposed special event. Notice of such proposed action also shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the city at least five days prior to the date of the city commission decision. The notice shall identify a contact person and phone number for complaints. The applicant shall pay for the newspaper advertisement.

Applicant Printed Name: Bobby Kuchinsky Signature: BK

6. **City Services Pricing:** The organizer or sponsor of any special event which requires the provision of additional extraordinary support services by police, fire, and administration or other city department shall pay to the city the cost of such services. A nonrefundable down payment of 10% of all cost, as estimated by the city manager, shall be made to the city either by certified check or credit card at least 10 days prior to the special event.

Applicant Printed Name: Bobby Kuchinsky Signature: BK

7. **Payment Terms:** The City Manager is authorized to provide reasonable terms for time and manner of payment. If the event sponsor fails to pay the full costs at the time determined by the City Manager, or if no such deadline is established, then within 30 days after the event the City may impose an interest charge on the amount due at the rate of one and one-half percent (1.5%) per month.

Applicant Printed Name: Bobby Kuchinsky Signature: BK

## Event Screening Questionnaire

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The following questions will determine the correct application supplements that will be required for your event. Any permit or license may be revoked if there has been misrepresentation in the permit or license application with respect to the nature and location of the activity. If you answer "Yes" to any question next to a Supplement, that Supplement must be submitted with this application.

VENDOR SALES	
1. Will ANY alcoholic beverage be sold or served?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Needs City Commission Approval No <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Will ANY food be prepared or served?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complete Supplement C No <input type="checkbox"/>
SAFETY <span style="float: right;">IF YES, COMPLETE REQUIRED FORMS</span>	
3. Will your event involve ANY of the following? Cooking Onsite, Compressed Gases or Flammable Liquid (used or stored), Fog Machine/Smoke Machine/Bubble Machine, Generators, Open Flame (fire juggling, bonfire, etc.) Pyrotechnics/Special Effects, Lasers, Confetti, Vehicle or Motorcycles	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complete Supplement C No <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Will your event involve ANY of the following tents or structures? Tents, Booths, Canopies or Podiums, Viewing Stands and Bracing, Stages, Risers or Air Support Structures	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complete Supplement D No <input type="checkbox"/>
STREETS & SIDEWALKS <span style="float: right;">IF YES, COMPLETE REQUIRED FORMS</span>	
5. Will your event require a stationary street closure (Block Party, etc.) or block sidewalk?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complete Supplement E No <input type="checkbox"/>
6. Will your event require a moving street closure (e.g. Race, Bike Rally, Parade)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Complete Supplement E No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7. Will your event require parking restrictions (i.e. clearing cars for parade)?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Complete Supplement E No <input type="checkbox"/>
8. Will your event take place in a City-owned Park, Recreation Center or Truman Waterfront?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Complete Supplement F No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

The applicant does acknowledge and hereby affirms that any and all information of this application and all of its supplements are accurate to the best of their knowledge. The applicant(s)/permittee agrees to assume full responsibility and liability for and indemnify and hold the City of Key West harmless from and against all liability, claims for damages, and suits for or by reason for an injury to any person or damages to any property of the parties hereto or of the third persons for any and all cause or causes whatsoever or in any way connected with the holding of said event or any act or omission or thing in any manner related to said event and its operation irrespective of negligence, actual or claimed, upon the part of the City their agents or employees.

By checking "I agree", you agree and acknowledge your electronic signature is valid and bonding in the same force as a handwritten signature. Date 5/27/2026

## Required – Waste/Recycling Plan

In accordance with the Special Events Application a waste/recycling plan is required.

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### WASTE/RECYCLING POINT OF CONTACT

Name Bobby Kuchinsky

Phone Number 305 304 8524

Email [bobby@halfshellrawbar.com](mailto:bobby@halfshellrawbar.com)

Number of people dedicated to recycling 20

### There are three components of waste and recycling at an event: Containers/Handling/Disposal

#### Containers - the receptacles needed in the event area. Options: (check one)

- 1-Community Services (CS) provides waste/recycling services and invoices Event accordingly. Event will provide a layout of the event location and an estimated of the number of attendees. CS will use that information to determine the number of containers and CS staff needed for set up and support during the event.
- 2-Dumpster rental: Event will set up a temporary commercial account with Waste Management. Dumpsters can be used in conjunction with CS services- billed separately.
- 3-Event partners with a business that has containers and an active waste account. Requires approval

Business name and contact information Half Shell Raw Bar

#### Handling -placement of containers, emptying during event, clean up after event (check one)

- 1-Community Services provides waste/recycling service and invoices Event accordingly.
- 2-Event provides staff to handle waste/recycling during event. Small events only must be approved

#### Disposal-transportation of collected waste materials from the event to the City Transfer Station (check one)

- 1-Community Services provides services and invoices Event accordingly.
- 2-Larger events using dumpsters must set up a temporary commercial account with Waste Management (WM) to rent dumpsters. Once filled, WM removes the dumpsters and hauls waste to the transfer station. Event pays all costs associated with the temporary account with WM
- 3-Partnering with a business. Business must have current Waste Management (WM) account and use regularly scheduled services. Partner business must sign off and accept responsibility for all waste and agree to any overage fees on their monthly invoice. Must be approved.

The City of Key West is committed to increasing the collection of recyclable materials. As the Event Organizer, it is your responsibility to inform your vendors of your waste/recycling plan to insure they are participating.

#### INITIALS REQUIRED

**BK NON- ACCEPTABLE WASTE: No Plastic Bags, plastic cutlery, plastic straws, plastic cups, or polystyrene are allowed at events.**

**BK ACCEPTABLE RECYCLABLES: The primary items will be Aluminum Cans, Plastic Bottles, Cardboard, and Glass Bottles.**

**BK You must submit your waste/recycling plan at least 30 days prior to the event.**

**BK NOTE: Any waste not properly handled by the Event will lead the City to withhold all or a portion of deposit**

## Required – Event Transportation Planning

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Parking and traffic congestion are consistently a concern of Key West residents. It is the City’s goal to involve all event planners in traffic reduction as well as management. For more information consult the Special Events Guide.

### INITIALS REQUIRED

     **BK**      **Communications:** Every event is required to provide communications about modes of transportation that will reduce vehicle traffic. These actions include:

1. Website(s)	3. Ticketholders
2. Email	4. Social Media

     **BK**      **Opportunities:** Large Events are required to explore opportunities to help minimize traffic congestions and parking issues. Your event will be more successful by encouraging alternate transportation or utilize transit friendly alternatives. Check opportunities you will explore.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Encourage Walking<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Encourage Biking<br><input type="checkbox"/> Providing Bike Security with Valet<br><input type="checkbox"/> Include Ride Service with VIP Passes<br><input type="checkbox"/> Provide Pre-Sale parking only<br><input type="checkbox"/> Premium parking prices | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partner with Transit System/Buses<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partner with Transit Friendly Hotels<br><input type="checkbox"/> Partner with Restaurants/Bars<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partner with Rideshare/Taxi Companies<br><input type="checkbox"/> Implement Shuttles<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other: |
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If Event Organizers or Vendors desire to utilize metered parking spaces or lots, payment will need to be made to the City. The following fees apply for events that wish to use or reserve parking areas. All existing parking ordinances apply to special events.

Parking Type	Fees and Rules*	No. of Parking Spots Requested	No. of Days Needed	Total Parking Cost
Residential Permit Spaces	Not allowed			
Unmetered Street Parking	No Cost			
Park N Ride Garage	\$48/day			
Metered Street Parking	\$20/day			
Truman Waterfront Park	\$20/day			
Smathers Beach	\$20/day			
Angela Firehouse Parking Lot	\$20/day			
Simonton Beach Parking Lot	\$20/day			
Ferry Terminal Parking Lot	\$20/day			
Historic Bight Parking Lots	\$48/day	8	1	384
Mallory Square Parking Lot	\$48/day			
			<b>Total</b>	<b>384</b>

\*Modification of rates or parking waivers can only be approved by City Commission.

Total Parking Cost shall be calculated using this table and accounted for in the Event Fee Schedule. For more information, contact John Wilkins, Parking Director at (305) 809-3855.

# Required: Event Site Map / Layout

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Using the legend below, please illustrate your event to the best of your ability.  
 If it is a single site event only one site layout is needed. If the event includes multiple streets, a second map showing the Impacted Streets for the entire area is needed.

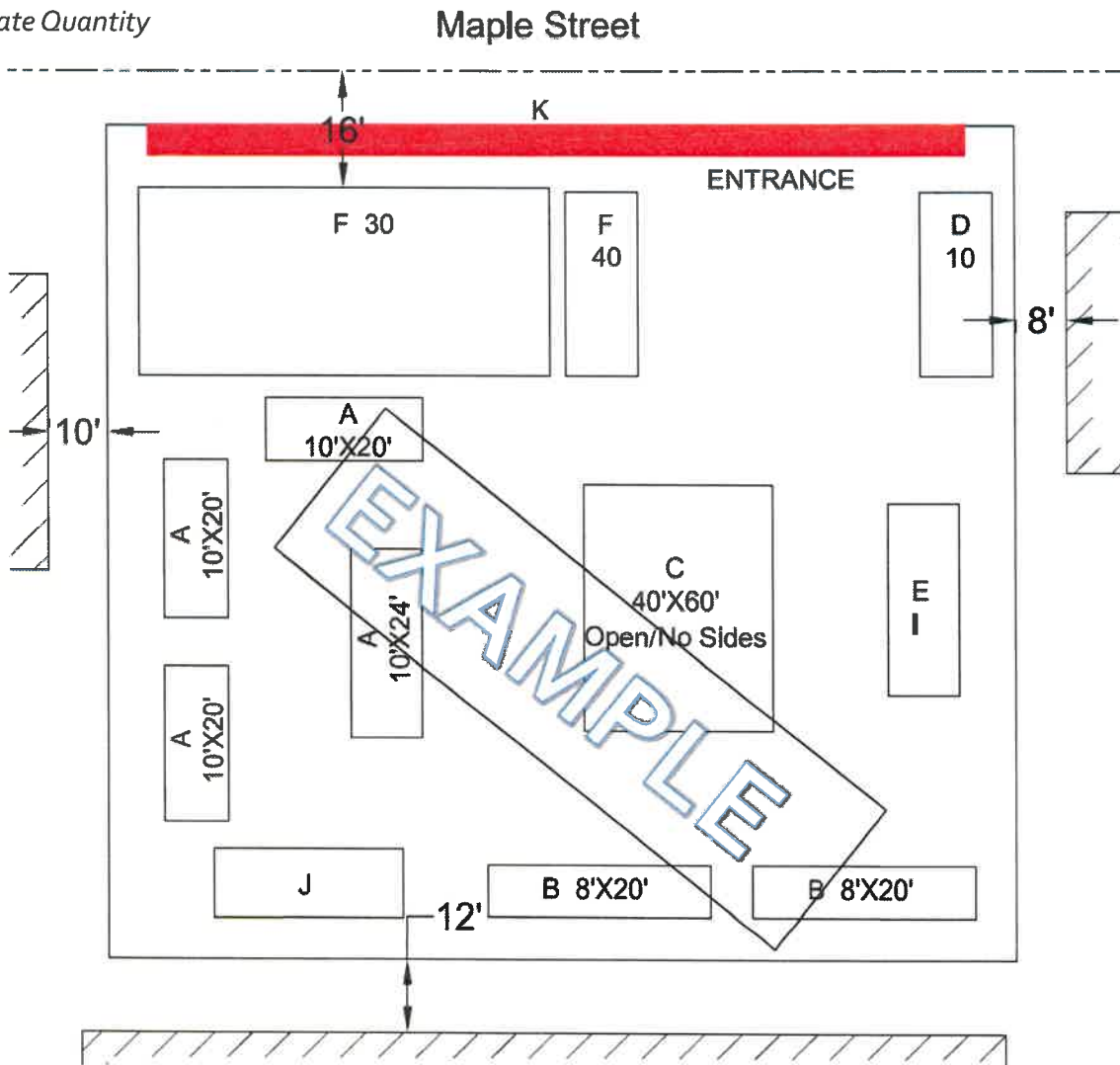
## INITIALS REQUIRED

BK  Attach Site Map Layout  Attach Impacted Streets Map

### Event Site Map Layout Legend:

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| A. Food/Bev. Vendor Tents*   | F. Car Parking**  | K. Podiums              |
| B. Merchandise Vendor Tents* | G. Bike Parking** | L. Fire Lane (RED LINE) |
| C. Seating Tents*            | H. Roads Closed   | M. Label Street(s)      |
| D. Toilets **                | I. Stage Area     | N. Other: _____         |
| E. Amplified Music           | J. Bounce House   | O. Other: _____         |

\* Indicate Tent sizes  
 \*\* Indicate Quantity



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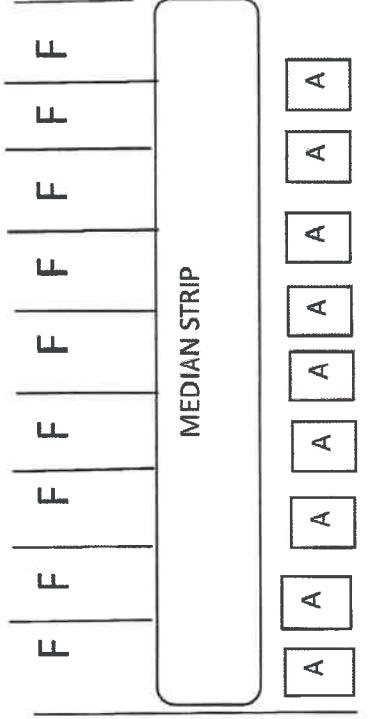
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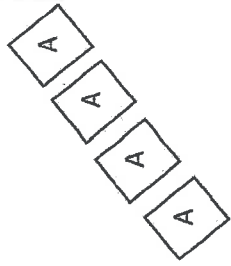
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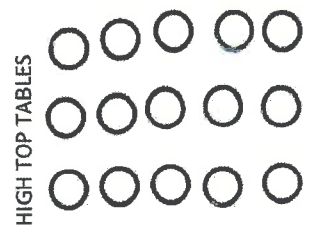
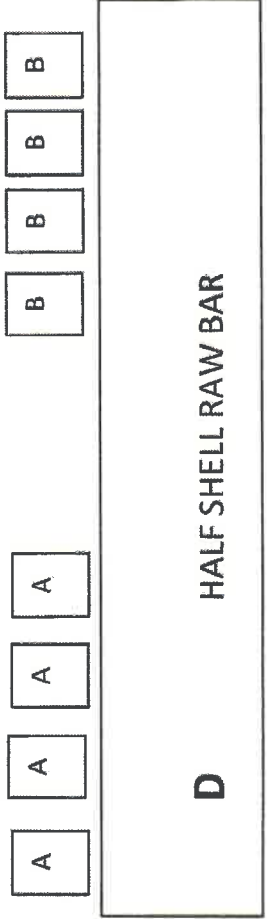
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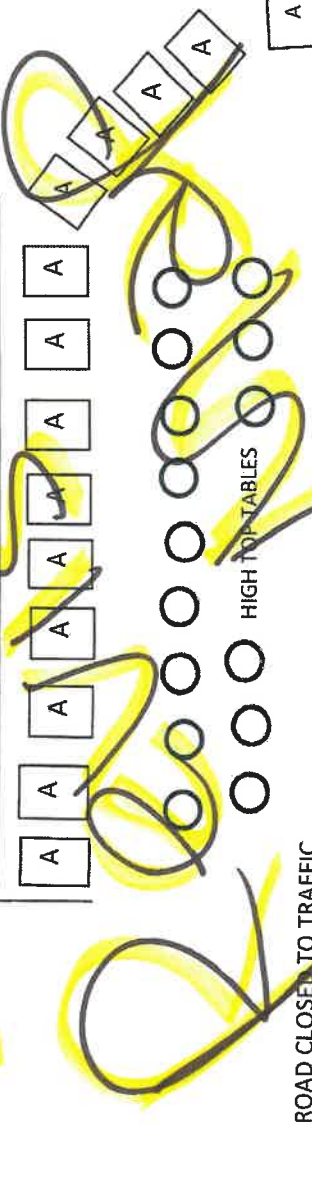


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Excerpt from City Code Sec. 26-192. - Unreasonably excessive noise prohibited.

Noise limitations - Within a core commercial district as defined in this article, the maximum dBA and dBC sound levels permitted on any property located therein shall be as follows:

The average measurement taken between ten (10) and twenty (20) seconds shall be no greater than the maximum levels set out below. The measurement shall be taken from the sound source property line, or individual lease boundary in the case of property which has been subdivided by the execution of individual leases, of the noise generating property at a location that is closest to the complainant's property line:

- a. Eighty-five (85) dBA or ninety-four (94) dBC between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 2:59 a.m. b. Seventy-five (75) dBA or eighty-four (84) dBC between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 10:59 a.m.

In any residential or commercial district as defined in this article, a decibel meter shall be used for a complaint of unreasonable noise made at or within 100 feet of the property line of the sound source. The decibel reading shall be made at the location of the complaint. The investigating officer shall issue a citation for unreasonably excessive noise, unless in his judgment a warning is sufficient to cease the violation. There shall be no more than a total of one warning per offending person or establishment.

Events that expect to exceed decibel levels set for their area must get a Noise Exemption from the City Commission. Noise Exemptions cannot be issued for the same location within 60 days of the last noise exemption approval.

Describe the Potential Noise Sources: Live Music

Do you wish to apply for a Noise Exemption? Yes  Need City Commission Approval No

INITIALS REQUIRED

- BK 1. Applicant(s) has reviewed the City Code regarding Noise limitations and understands that an exemption from the noise control ordinance requires approval from the City Commission. Applications for noise exemptions must be received 30 days before the event
- BK 2. The processing fee for the application is \$98.57, due upon submission of application. Include this fee in the Special Event Fee Schedule.
- BK 3. Notice of the City Commission's proposed action on a Noise Exemption shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation at least five days prior to the date of the Commission meeting, as well as mailed to all property owners and occupants located within a 100-foot radius of the proposed event. The applicant is required to pay for the newspaper advertisement.

For more information on Noise and Noise Exemptions, consult the Special Event Guide and read the [City Code Section 26-192](#)

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Non-Profit Organization Name Reef Relief and Gulf Oyster Movement Inc.

Tax ID/EIN # 59-2696402 / 33-2037839 Representative Dora Demaria / Fabio Galarce

Purpose of Organization Protect coral reefs ecosystem / Oyster Recycling

Phone 305-294-3100 / 305-926-1323 Email www.reefreief.org / evergladesoysters.com

How will the nonprofit proceeds/donations, after payments of direct necessary expenses be used?  
Coral reefs protection and education / Oyster recycling outreach programs

**INITIALS REQUIRED**

- BK 1. **Services Waived:** The first \$1,000.00 of costs as specified in Section 6-26 (d) of the Code of Ordinances may be waived for any Event Organizer or Sponsor organization which qualifies as a tax-exempt Non-profit organization according to State or Federal law. Acceptance of this waiver by such Event Organizer or Sponsor organization shall render the Special Event a public accommodation subject to Human Rights provision of Section 38-225.
- BK 2. **Approval:** Supplement B must be reviewed and approved for Non-profit waivers to be granted. Neither Completion nor Submission of this form guarantees a waiver will be granted.
- BK 3. **Monies Received:** Within 30 days of the event completion the Event Organizer agrees to submit to the City Commission a letter from the Non-profit Organization receiving the waiver stating the amount of monetary donation received from the event.
- BK 4. **Accounting:** Within 90 days following the Special Event, the Event Organizer or Sponsor organization will ensure that the Non-profit organization receiving the waiver submits to the City Commission an accounting of expenses and revenues incurred and generated during the event.

**SIGNATURE AND ATTACHMENT REQUIRED**

I hereby certify that the above-named Non-profit organization is a bona fide, in good standing, domestic civic, educational, charitable, fraternal, or religious organization under the laws of the State of Florida or with proper tax exemption status with the Internal Revenue Service; that the organization is the actual sponsor of the event described and that all the proceeds from the event, after necessary direct expenses, will be used for civic, educational, charitable or religious purpose.

I further certify that the answers to the above questions are correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I also understand that any organizations who fraudulently seek exemption shall be subjected to civil and criminal penalties provided for in Florida Statutes.

**Provide a copy of your organization letter issued by the I.R.S. or Secretary of State verifying tax exempt status.**

By checking "I agree", you agree and acknowledge your electronic signature is valid and bonding in the same force as a handwritten signature. Date 5/27/2026

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This section will be reviewed by the Key West Fire and Police Departments to determine what safety checks and security needs may be required at the Special Event. The Fee Schedule may be revised based on requirements that may be deemed necessary.

Please contact the following City representatives before completing your application:

Fire Department and EMS – Chief Alan Averette (305) 809-3938

Police Department – LT Joseph Tripp (305) 809-1027

More information on Safety requirements can be found in the Special Event Guide.

**EVENT ACTIVITIES – Check all that apply to the Special Event**

<p><u>Cooking:</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Deep Frying / Open Flame</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Charcoal Grill</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gas Grill</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Food Warming Only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Catered Food</p> <p><u>Alcohol To be Served By</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Existing Licensed Establishment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Licensed Vendors</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit Licensed Vendors</p>	<p><u>Electrical Power</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Generator</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 110AC / Extension Cords</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> DC Power</p> <p><u>Structures:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stages / Risers / Canopies</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Viewing Stands / Bracing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Seating</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Air Supported Bounce House</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tents Greater than 200 SF</p>	<p><u>Other</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Road Closure</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fog/Smoke Machine</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Bubble Machine</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pyrotechnics</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Special Effects</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Open Flame</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Lasers</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Confetti</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle/Motorcycle Demo</p>
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**INITIALS REQUIRED**

- BK     **1. Alcohol:** Applicant(s) wishing to sell/consume alcoholic beverages on City property must have approval by the City Commission by Resolution and must hire an extra-duty police officer(s) for crowd control and safety as determined by the Key West Police Department or City Manager. Applicant must have a [liquor license](#) and provide liquor liability insurance.
- BK     **2. Cooking Safety:** If cooking, a KWFD Fire Watch must be provided and fire extinguisher(s) with a minimum rating of 3A40BC shall be provided near cooking equipment.
- BK     **3. Sidewalks:** Structures must not interfere with pedestrian movement on the sidewalk. The Special Event Site Plan must show a minimum setback of six (6) feet from the property lines.
- BK     **4. Special Event Site Map:** Indicate where structures, tents, stages, cooking equipment, etc. will be located. The layout must also identify distances to the nearest buildings and property line. If seating will be provided, show seating/chair arrangement.
- 5. Cooking Oil:** Cooking oil must be disposed of properly. Vendors found dumping cooking oil improperly will result in forfeiture of a portion of the Event deposit.

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Police Department – LT Joseph Tripp (305) 809-1027

Provide copy of Event Site Map/Layout Yes  No

**TENTS**

Total Number of Food/Beverage Vendor Tents: 21  
Total Number of Merchandise Vendor Tents: 4  
Total: 25

Tent Supplier Name Oyster Reefer Contact Number 305-926-1323

Size & Type of Tents: 10 X 10 Canapys

Provide Certificate of Flame Resistance/Retardant for Tent Fabric. Yes  No

Will there be any combustibles or flammable liquids under the tent? Yes  No

Will the sides of the tent be used? Yes\*  No

*\*Exit plans must be indicated on Site Map Layout.*

**STRUCTURES**

What structures will be erected? Music Stage

Will structures be erected on any part of a street or sidewalk? Yes  No

For each structure, note number of footings, weight and dimensions (L/W/H) below:

20 x 20 x 20 stage tbd

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**STREET CLOSURE INFORMATION**

Street(s) to be closed 1/2 Half Shell Bight Circle Block/Address Number(s) 231 Margaret St.

Cross-Streets: between N/A and N/A

Closure Date(s) 11/14/2026 Time 7 am AM/PM to 11:45 pm AM/PM

**INITIALS REQUIRED**

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1. **Non-Profit Inclusion:** Applicant(s) who are businesses or private persons who wish to close a City street must make an application jointly with a Non-profit organization. When an Event Organizer proposes a Special Event that will cause the closing of a city street or other public right-of-way, the Event Organizer must donate at least 25% of the Event Organizer’s gross revenues or \$1000.00, whichever is greater, to at least one Non-profit organization. The Event Organizer must designate the Non-profit organization(s) on the application for the event. Each named Non-profit organization must provide the City Manager with a letter of agreement with the Event Organizer.

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2. **Consent:** The Event Organizer must have neighboring businesses sign a petition of no objection to the street closure. A template consent form can be found in the Special Events Guide.

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3. **ADA Restrooms:** Whenever the Event Organizer of a Special Event provides temporary bathroom facilities within the public right-of-way, at least five percent of those facilities or one of those facilities, whichever is the greater number, shall be accessible to persons with physical disability.

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4. **Insurance:** Typical insurance policies may not provide coverage for accidents that may occur off private property and in the City Right-of-way. Events taking place within City Right-of-Way require insurance in the amount of \$1M – liability and \$2M – aggregate.

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5. **Public access:** Pedestrians must be allowed access to the closed area free of charge.

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6. **Emergency Access:** The closed street/roadway will immediately be available for emergency vehicles and vehicles within the close block.

**SIGNATURE REQUIRED**

We the undersigned, agree to save and hold harmless, the City of Key West from all cost and damage to any person and/or property which is caused by any activity, condition, or event arising out of temporary use of the above street for the purpose of this Special Event.

By checking "I agree", you agree and acknowledge your electronic signature is valid and bonding in the same force as a handwritten signature. Date 6/10/2026

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A list of City Properties that are available for event use, their amenities and Use Fees are listed in the Special Event Guide.

Which City Property do you wish to use? Key West Bight Parking Lot in front of Half Shell Raw Bar

Which Area(s) of the City Property do you wish to use? 1/2 Patio between Half Shell & Boat House

Will Utilities be required (Water and/or Electricity)? Yes  No

INITIALS REQUIRED

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1. The City makes no guarantees that the requested City Property and Area will be available on the dates requested. Submitting this application acts as a request, not a guarantee.

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2. Events taking place on City Property require insurance in the amount of \$1M – liability and \$2M – aggregate.

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3. Applicants wishing to sell/consume alcoholic beverages on City property must have approval by the City Commission via Resolution and must hire an extra-duty police officer(s) for crowd control and safety as determined by the Key West Police Department or City Manager. Event Organizer must first have obtained a [liquor license](#) and liquor liability insurance.

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4. Prior to use of the requested facility, the applicant must provide a refundable deposit and a nonrefundable payment for use of the City Property, as determined by the Fee Schedule. This payment shall be delivered to the City Manager’s Office at 1300 White St., Key West, FL 33040 at time of application. All checks shall be made payable to City of Key West.

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5. All utility use must be coordinated through City of Key West. Any modification to utilities to support the activity will be at the sole cost of the Event Organizer and must meet City Codes. Utilities used by the Event Organizer will be charged at current rates or agreed upon method.

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6. Ingress/egress by the Event Organizer shall be coordinated with the City of Key West.

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7. The City property used must be maintained in an orderly and neat condition. City of Key West may request Event Organizer to improve conditions of site within reason if conditions become unacceptable.

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8. No trash may be left on site. Use of City of Key West dumpsters is not authorized unless prior approval is obtained from the City Manager.

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9. No alcoholic beverages/non-prescription drugs or food may be brought onto or sold on Truman Waterfront without prior approval from the City Commission.

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10. No hazardous material or waste shall be used or stored on the premises without submitting a Hazardous Waste Handling and Spill Plan to the City of Key West.

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11. Event Organizer is responsible for any and all environmental cleanup, restoration, fees, fines, etc. associated with the activity and shall put in place any and all measures to eliminate environmental contamination to the City Property that may be caused by the Event activity.

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12. All trash (including waste oil) and equipment including portable toilets and trailers shall be removed no later than close of business of the last day of the event. Event Organizer should plan accordingly. City of Key West may impose additional fees for use of City Property beyond usage dates.

**INITIALS REQUIRED for Truman Waterfront Property**

**For Use of Truman Waterfront**, the Event Organizer is subject to the following additional provisions:

- 13. Event Organizer is responsible for obtaining necessary permits required by any other agencies pertaining to this Special Event such as Federal, State, Local, Coast Guard, Navy, Marine Sanctuary, etc. and is responsible for providing proof of permit prior to entering into an agreement with the City of Key West.
- 14. Event Organizer must take part in pre- and post-activity walk-through inspections with the City of Key West point of contact, or designee.
- 15. Event Organizer must provide the City of Key West with a detailed schedule for activities.
- 16. City of Key West personnel shall be always allowed access to the site.
- 17. Event Organizer shall provide sufficient personnel to ensure proper and safe operation of the activity.
- 18. Event Organizer may not stay overnight on Truman Waterfront without prior approval from the City of Key West.
- 19. Any use of NOAA property or seawall must be coordinated with directly with NOAA.
- 20. Unfettered access to Navy, NOAA and State Park property must be maintained at all time
- 21. Use of the inner basin for any activities is not authorized.

# Key West Oyster Fest

**Saturday, November 14, 2026**

One night. Thousands of oysters.

The most electrifying gathering of chefs, oyster farms, restaurants, shuckers, artists, musicians, and culinary energy Key West has ever experienced — all happening outdoors at the legendary Half Shell Raw Bar.

The first chapter of Key West Oyster Fest arrives bigger, louder, wilder, and more unforgettable than ever before. Expect new restaurants, more oyster farms, one-of-a-kind collaborations, legendary shuckers, nonstop music, flowing beverages, and the kind of moments you'll still be talking about long after the last shell hits the table.

Presented by Oyster Reefer and the Half Shell Raw Bar, Key West Oyster Fest is a celebration of food, music, education, and coastal conservation designed to support oyster reef restoration efforts across Florida.

Oyster Reefer — a pop-up oyster party concept brings a unique, immersive experience celebrating sustainably sourced local oysters and the joy of gathering with friends and family over incredible seafood. Their mission is to educate consumers about local oyster farming while actively collecting shells for Gulf Coast oyster reef restoration. The more oysters we slurp, the greater the positive impact on local oyster farms and wild oyster reef populations.

## What to Expect

- All-you-can-eat oysters from regional oyster farms
- Oyster creations prepared by Michelin-starred and celebrity chefs
- Florida's top chefs and local restaurants
- Live music and entertainment throughout the evening
- Educational experiences focused on oyster reef restoration and marine conservation
- A high-energy open-air waterfront atmosphere

Rain or shine — this is an outdoor event.

Food and beverages will also be available for purchase throughout the festival.

This one-of-a-kind event blends culinary excellence, live entertainment, and environmental advocacy into a must-attend experience for food lovers, music fans, and supporters of marine conservation.

## Event Details

- Oyster Reefer will provide all tents, tables, grills, signage, banners, supplies, and oysters
- Participating restaurants will provide hot or cold oyster toppings for 1,000 oysters
- VIP Access: 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM Event hours are 5pm to 11pm
- General Admission Gates Open: 6:00 PM

Get ready for an unforgettable night on the waterfront at Key West Oyster Fest 2026.



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# Special Event Permit Application

# Department Approvals

Event Name: <u>Key West Oyster Fest</u>	Event Date: <u>11/14/2026</u>
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Department	Signature / Restrictions / Conditions
Special Events Manager	<i>Kelli Funkhouser</i>
Code Compliance	Chris Counsellor
Engineering	<i>Doug Bradshaw</i>
Fire Department	LT. Tyler Jones emailed KWFD Conditional Memo
KW DOT	
Parking	
Police Department	JT
Port & Marine Services	Approved w/new layout, which I have sent in a separate email - SPM
Property Management	<i>[Signature]</i>
Community Services	Gregory Veliz Jr
Utilities	<i>Keely Kessler</i>
Risk Management	COI to be approved upon receipt
Other	

## Kelli Funkhouser

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**From:** Bobby K <bobby@halfshellrawbar.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 17, 2026 11:12 AM  
**To:** Kelli Funkhouser  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Key West Oyster Fest 11/14/26

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I just talked to Roderick to reiterate that the stage is not on any brick work or sidewalk or walkway. It's on the part of the road that we're going to close off as we do every year for the half marathon and I as I did for the Half Shell's 50th. Anniversary. Customers will still be able to walk freely past local color towards the boathouse and all other businesses.... Roderick was OK with that...

Regards

Bobby K.

Half Shell Raw Bar

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**From:** Kelli Funkhouser <kelli.funkhouser@cityofkeywest-fl.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 17 June 2026 10:45:54  
**To:** Bobby K <bobby@halfshellrawbar.com>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Key West Oyster Fest 11/14/26

Thank you!

Kelli Funkhouser

**Special Events Manager**

City of Key West

Office: 305.809.3881

[kelli.funkhouser@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:kelli.funkhouser@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)



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**From:** Bobby K <bobby@halfshellrawbar.com>  
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Good Morning Kelli

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**Subject:** Key West Oyster Fest 11/14/26

Please review the attached application for the **Key West Oyster Fest** on **11/14/2026**.

The approval form can be found here: [📎 Key West Oyster Fest - Approvals.docx](#)

This will be on the July 1 City Commission agenda.

If you have any issues or concerns, please note them on the approval form or let me know.

Thank you,

Kelli

*Kelli Funkhouser*

**Special Events Manager**

City of Key West

Office: 305.809.3881

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## THE CITY OF KEY WEST

Post Office Box 1409 Key West, FL 33041-1409 (305) 809-3700

To: Bobby Kuchinsky (Half Shell Raw Bar)

From: Lieutenant Tyler Jones

Date: 6/11/2026

Reference: Key West Oyster Fest

This office reviewed the special event application for the Key West Oyster Fest located at 231 Margaret St, on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 5pm-11pm.

The following conditions apply:

- **Event organizer is responsible for EMS personnel @ \$75.00 an hour per person (2). They will be present for the entire event to conduct a Fire Safety Watch & and respond to any medical calls for the event.**
- **Please note that an additional hour will be billed to cover the inspection and setup of equipment for your event.**
- **The applicant is responsible for informing us of any event cancellations or changes no later than 24 hours prior to the scheduled time. Failure to provide timely notification may result in billing for the full amount.**

If I can be of any further assistance, please contact me.

***Tyler Jones***

Lieutenant/ Inspector  
Key West Fire Department  
Office 305-809-3932  
[tyler.jones@cityofkeywest-fl.gov](mailto:tyler.jones@cityofkeywest-fl.gov)



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KEY WEST FIRE DEPARTMENT



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Tim Anson, Fire Marshal  
Dereck Berger, Capt. / Fire Inspector  
Tommy Bouchard, Capt. / Fire Inspector  
Tyler Jones, Lt. / Fire Inspector  
Randy Monahan, Lt. / Fire Inspector

1600 N. Roosevelt Blvd.  
Key West, FL 33040  
Phone: (305) 809-3933

## 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.



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### 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).



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### 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.**