

Food Service Vendor Requirements

The following information is provided to inform all food service vendors of the requirements to operate in Hanover County and the Town of Ashland. The requirements have been set and will be enforced by the Hanover County Fire Marshal's Office, in accordance with the Statewide Fire Prevention Code (SFPC). The Hanover County Fire Marshal's Office will inspect food service vendors upon request, at established events, and at times unannounced in various locations in which food service vendors are operating. It is the responsibility of food service vendors to ensure they are familiar with the requirements and in compliance at all times. Operating permits may not be issued, or may be revoked for failure to comply. Food service vendors wishing to arrange an inspection as a requirement of any other process must contact the Fire Marshal's Office a minimum of five (5) business days in advance.

Fire extinguishers

- A fire extinguisher rated for class A, B, and C fires is required for all food vendors that prepare food with a heating process. Extinguishers must be a minimum size of 2A: 5B, C. Extinguishers must be placed within 30 feet of commercial cooking equipment, and no distance from any location within the designated area shall exceed 30 feet of travel distance to an extinguisher. (SFPC 906.3)
- All extinguishers must be in a conspicuous location and accessible at all times. (SFPC 906.5, 906.6)
- All extinguishers are required to be serviced annually in accordance with NFPA 10 and tagged appropriately by a certified service company (SFPC 906.2). Food service vendors may purchase a new extinguisher in lieu of having an extinguisher tagged by a certified service company. Extinguishers that are not tagged by a certified service company must have a copy of the receipt attached to the extinguisher body not obstructing the operating instructions or identification markings. The receipt must show that the extinguisher was purchased within one year of the event. All extinguishers must be fully charged and in a condition that would not prohibit operation in the event of an emergency. If an extinguisher is utilized it must be replaced before operations can resume.
- Cooking equipment that utilizes solid fuels or vegetable or animal oils and fats also require that a K Class fire extinguisher be present within 30 feet of cooking appliances. (SFPC 904.11.5)

Tents and other membrane Structures

- Tents over 900sqft require an inspection from both the Hanover County Building Inspectors Office and the Hanover County Fire Marshal. Requirements for a tent of this size are more stringent and will not be covered in this document. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Hanover County Fire Marshal's Office, and or the Hanover County Building Inspector's Office. Tents over 900sqft require a Fire Code Permit at a cost of \$150.00, there may also be additional fire code permit fees associated with the process, as well as fees associated with requirements of the Building Official.
- Any tent involved in cooking must have a minimum separation of 20 feet between the cooking tent, and any structures, other tents or membrane structures. (SFPC 3103.8.2)
- Open flame or devices emitting flame, fire or heat or any flammable or combustible liquids, gas, charcoal or other cooking device or any other unapproved device shall not be permitted inside or located within 20 feet of the tent or membrane structures while open to the public unless approved by the Fire Code Official. (SFPC 3104.7)
- Heating or cooking equipment , tanks, piping, hoses, fittings, valves, tubing and other related components shall be installed as specified in related mechanical and fuel gas codes and approved by the Fire Code Official. (SFPC 3104.15.1)
- Cooking and heating equipment shall not be located within 10 feet of exits or combustible material. (SFPC 3104.15.3) A waste management plan is recommended to ensure that combustible material is not permitted to accumulate in areas that are prohibited.
- The floor surface inside tents or membrane structures and the grounds outside and within a 30-foot perimeter shall be kept free of combustible waste and other combustible materials that could create a fire hazard. (SFPC 3104.22)
- LP-gas cylinders shall be located outside. Safety release valves shall be pointed away from the tent or membrane structure. (SFPC 3104.16.2)
- Portable LP-gas containers, piping, valves and fittings shall be adequately protected to prevent tampering, damage by vehicles or other hazards and shall be located in an approved location. Portable LP-gas containers shall be securely fastened in place to prevent unauthorized movement. (SFPC 3104.16.3)
- Flammable liquid fueled equipment shall not be used in tents or membrane structures. (SFPC 3104.17.1)
- Flammable and combustible liquids shall be stored outside in an approved manner not less than 50 feet from tents or membrane structures. (SFPC 3104.17.2)
- Refueling shall be performed in an approved location not less than 20 feet from tents or membrane structures. (SFPC 3104.17.3)
- Generators and other internal combustion power sources shall be separated from tents or membrane structures by a minimum of 20 feet and shall be isolated from contact with the public by fencing, enclosure or approved means. (SFPC 3104.19)
- Egress paths must be maintained to permit for the immediate evacuation to open air. Combustibles, hot liquids, open flames shall not be stored next to an egress path.
- **The public shall not be allowed under any portion of a tent used in the preparation of food.**

Automatic fire-extinguishing systems

- Any automatic fire-extinguishing system installed shall be inspected and tested according to the appropriate referenced standards. (SFPC 904.4, 904.11.6)

Miscellaneous

- Any compressed gas cylinder must be secured to prevent falling and some provision must be in place to prevent unauthorized personnel from tampering with the cylinder. (SFPC 5303.5) The securing of compressed gas cylinders to the legs of typical pop up tents will not be accepted.
- Compressed gas cylinder and tank valves shall be protected from physical damage by means of protective caps, collars or similar devices. (SFPC 5303.6)
- Electrical hazards must be removed. Wiring, devices, appliances and other equipment that is modified or damaged and constitutes an electrical shock or fire hazard shall not be used. (SFPC 605.1) Extension cords must be of an appropriate size for the appliances being utilized.
- Extension cords shall be maintained in good condition without splices, deterioration or damage. (SFPC 605.5.3)
- Open junction boxes and open-wiring splices are prohibited. (SFPC 605.7)

For questions regarding the requirements outlined in this document or to schedule an inspection, please contact the Hanover County Fire Marshal's Office at 804-365-6195.

TEMPORARY FOOD ESTABLISHMENT PERMIT APPLICATION PACKET

A **Temporary Food Establishment** as defined in the Virginia Food Regulations 12 VACS 5 421-10 is a food establishment that operates for a period of no more than 14 consecutive days in conjunction with a single event or celebration.

To apply for a temporary food establishment permit:

1. **COMPLETE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FORM (PAGES 2 & 3) AND FEES FOR EACH EVENT AND FOR EACH BOOTH AT EACH EVENT AT LEAST 10 BUSINESS DAY PRIOR TO THE EVENT.** AN INCOMPLETE APPLICATION WILL BE RETURNED. A RAIN DATE OR "NOT APPLICABLE" MUST BE ENTERED. APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN WHICH THE EVENT IS LOCATED.
2. If required, submit the \$40 annual application fee at the time of the event or proof of previous payment (receipt) within the current calendar year (January 1- December 31). If you are unsure if the application fee is required, call the Health Department (phone numbers listed below). **Fees will NOT be accepted on the day of the event.** Please make checks or money orders payable to the appropriate Health Department. We cannot accept credit or debit cards. The application fees may be paid at any Health Department in the state. **It is the responsibility of the vendor to keep the payment receipt(s) and to provide a copy of the receipt(s) as proof of payment with each application submitted.**
3. If you have successfully completed the Chickahominy Health District's Temporary Food Service Course within the last three (3) years, include a copy of your Completion Certificate with your application. Information on the course can be obtained by calling any of the local health departments listed below.
4. If you are using a permitted mobile food unit, submit a copy of that permit. A fee is not required.

Applications and fees must be received by the Health Department at least ten (10) business days prior to the temporary event. Please send the completed application(s) and fee(s) to the appropriate Health Department:

Charles City Health Department	7501 Adkins Road, Charles City, VA 23030	(804) 829-2490
Goochland Health Department	P.O. Box 178, Goochland, VA 23063	(804) 556-5843
Hanover Health Department	12312 Washington Hwy., Ashland, VA 23005	(804) 365-4343
New Kent Health Department	P.O. Box 86, New Kent, VA 23124	(804) 966-9640

- In this application packet you will find information on Hand Washing Facilities, Kitchenware Washing Procedures, and a self-inspection form. The Virginia Board of Health Food Regulations require that proper facilities be available for hand washing, kitchenware washing, over-head protection, ground covering, and proper storage of hot and cold foods. Additional information on preparing and serving food safely will provide upon request. Applicants are encouraged to take a food safety course.
- A thermometer that can measure the temperature of thick and thin foods and sanitizer test strips are required.
- Use the self-inspection form, page 6, to ensure that you are prepared and have met the requirements of the Regulations.
- Please **KEEP pages 4 through 6** for your use and **RETURN pages 2 and 3** (the application) to the Health Department.

An Environmental Health Specialist will call you after your completed application is reviewed to discuss your operation, obtain additional information if needed and answer any questions you may have. Permits for Temporary Events are issued by the Health Department *on the day of the event*, prior to the start of the food operations.

If you have any questions, please call us at the above phone numbers. We look forward to working with you!

OFFICE USE:

Date Received: _____

Fee Status: normal exempt not applicable

Check #: _____ Amount: _____

Receipt #: _____

Application for Temporary Food Establishment

- Please print legibly or type
- **Application and annual application fee of \$40 must be submitted at least 10 business days prior to the event.**
- If you have already paid the \$40 fee for the current calendar year, please attach receipt.
- Failure to provide the necessary information regarding your operation will delay the processing of your application.
- For staffing purposes, a "rain date" or "not applicable" must be included.

EVENT - GENERAL INFORMATION

Event Name and Sponsoring Organization: _____

Event Coordinator and Phone Number: _____

Event Location Address and Phone Number: _____

Date(s) of operation: _____ Time: From _____ to _____

Rain date(s): _____ Time: From _____ to _____

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Organization or Individual Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell # _____ Fax #: _____ Email: _____

Organization Representative Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Cell # _____ Fax #: _____ Email: _____

Individual Responsible for Food Preparation Onsite: _____

Phone #: _____ Fax #: _____ Email: _____

TEMPORARY FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INFORMATION

Time when operation will be ready for inspection:

Type of food facility (building on site, open air, mobile unit, food trailer, tent/canopy, etc.): _____

Please indicate the source of the following to be provided for operation of the food facility:

Potable water source: _____ Garbage disposal: _____
(private well, public, bottled water, holding tank, etc.) (on-site, off-site, by vendor, by event sponsor, etc.)

Sewage Disposal: _____ Liquid Waste Disposal: _____
(Onsite septic system, public system, etc.) (dump station on-site or off-site, public, septic system, etc.)

Have you completed the Chickahominy Health District's course for Temporary Food Service? Yes No
If Yes, year completed: _____ (Please include a copy of your certificate with this application)

Will a hand sink and a 3 basin sink be set up for use during the event? Yes No

FOOD ITEMS AND EQUIPMENT

Food/Beverage Items	Source (where purchased)	Where prepared (on site at event, in at a permitted facility, etc.) <i>No food may be prepared in a home kitchen.</i>	Methods of preparation and serving

(Please attach another sheet with the same information, if more spaces is needed.)

Condiments and Serving Methods (individual or bulk containers)	Utensils (serving, cooking, eating,)	Cooking Equipment*	Type of refrigeration (coolers, refrigerator, truck)
			Type of sanitizer/test strips

All cooking or reheating equipment must be able to rapidly heat foods to 165 °F or above. **CROCK POTS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR THE COOKING OR REHEATING OF FOODS.*

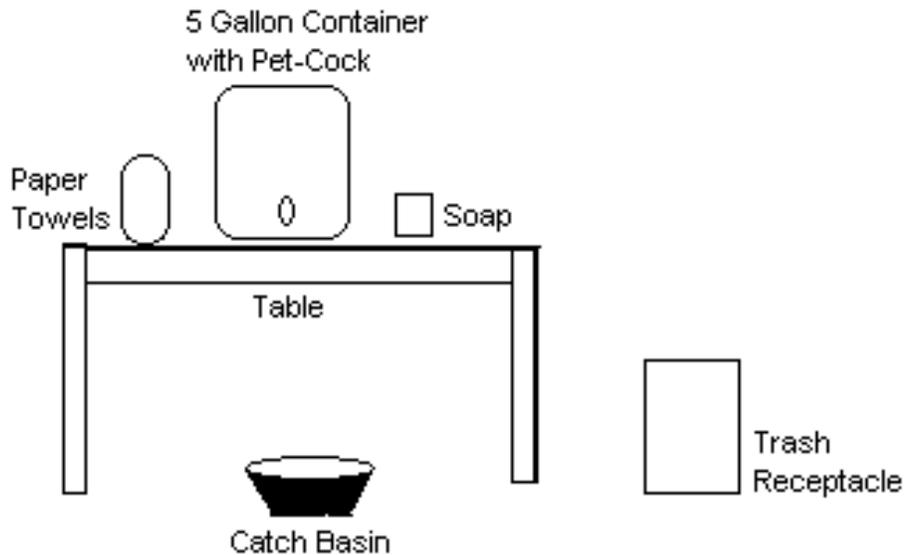
**Are accurately calibrated metal stem food thermometers provided to monitor food temperatures? _____*

** What method will be used to prevent bare hand contact with ready-to-eat foods? _____*

I have read the attached instructions, understand them and will comply with their requirements. I understand that failure to comply may result in the denial of my application for a permit or in the suspension of my permit, per 12 VAC 5-421-3730 and 12 VAC 5-421-3770, Commonwealth of Virginia Board of Health Food Regulations, March 2002.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

HAND WASHING FACILITY SET-UP

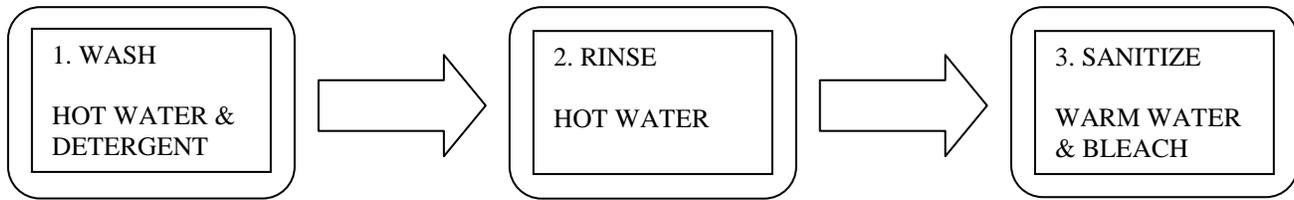


The most common cause of contamination during food preparation and serving is unclean hands. For this reason, hand washing facilities are a must. Facilities must be designed to provide unaided, easy hand washing under a continuous flow of running water. Water spigots of the push-button type will not be allowed.

THE HOW-TO'S OF HANDWASHING

1. Wet hands.
2. Apply soap.
3. Briskly rub hands for twenty (20) seconds.
4. Scrub fingertips and between fingers.
5. Scrub forearm to just below elbow.
6. Rinse forearms and hands.
7. Dry hands and forearms with a disposable paper towel.
8. Turn off water with paper towel.
9. Discard paper towel.

KITCHENWARE WASHING PROCEDURE



After washing, rinsing, and sanitizing, items may be air dried or wiped dry with disposable towels and should then be stored in a clean place.

Provide appropriate sanitizer test strips and use them to monitor the concentration of the sanitizing solution. (If using bleach, maintain the chlorine concentration between 50 and 100 parts per million; this is approximately 1 T. bleach per 1 gallon water.)

Unscented chlorine bleach may be used to sanitize kitchenware. Other acceptable sanitizers include quaternary ammonia and iodine.

All waste water must be disposed of properly, to either a sanitary sewer or a drainfield.

SELF INSPECTION FORM

ITEM	AREA OF CONCERN
1	Review Temporary Restaurant Policy
2	Review proper food handling practices and employee hygiene requirements
3	Food Source: approved, in sound condition, no spoilage
4	Potentially hazardous foods kept at proper temperature during transportation, storage, preparation, cooking, display, and service
5	Food protected from contamination: wrapped, sneeze guards/shields, 6"+ off the ground. Food protected from insects, rodents, birds, and animals.
6	Facilities provided to maintain product temperatures (refrigerator, freezer, drained coolers w/ ice, etc.) Cold: 41 F or below. Hot: 140 F or above.
7	Thermometers provided: dial probe or digital thermometer for taking product temps, indicating thermometers for refrigeration units
8	Ice storage adequate, 6"+ off the ground, self-draining with catch basin, scoop stored in ice with the handle extended
9	Good employee hygiene; proper hand washing; proper use of gloves; no illness; etc.
10	Proper hair restraints; clean clothing; no artificial nails; no jewelry
11	Equipment cleaned thoroughly <u>prior to the event</u> , kept clean, stored properly
12	Proper facilities to wash, rinse, and sanitize equipment and utensils. MUST HAVE HOT WATER. Wash basins should be large enough to accommodate the biggest item to be washed.
13	Sanitizer with appropriate test strips, i.e. chlorine bleach and chlorine test strips.
14	Single service items stored and dispensed in plastic sleeve, utensils dispensed with handles up
15	Water source approved; Hot and cold water provided; food grade hoses used
16	Approved and adequate disposal of sewage and all waste water
17	Hand washing facilities: hot water, soap, paper towels, catch basin, wastebasket.
18	Adequate collection and disposal of grease and garbage.
19	Overhead protection (tent, pavilion, etc.); Lighting adequately shielded. Check with fire marshal regarding fire retardant material and use of gas, propane, etc.
20	Public access to cook area, storage area, and service area completely restricted.
21	Wiping cloths: clean, stored in sanitizing solution, use restricted to employees only. Alternative to wiping cloths: paper towels and a spray bottle of sanitizing solution.
22	Toxic items labeled and stored separately from food and single service items. No pesticides stored or used on site.