

GILFORD FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT
FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU
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FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR VENDING ESTABLISHMENTS

The following requirements apply to all food service establishments and other vendors who require a vendor's permit from the Gilford Planning Department. The Gilford Fire-Rescue Department will inspect all establishments for compliance with these requirements prior to operations, and issue a temporary permit to operate. Additional inspections may be conducted at any time to determine continued compliance.

1. All facilities shall be equipped with a least **ONE** portable UL Listed Fire Extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A-20BC, with a valid inspection tag dated within the past 12 months.
2. Food service establishments utilizing LP Gas, or using deep fat fryers, grilles, or burners of any kind shall be equipped with at least **ONE** additional UL Listed Fire Extinguisher with a minimum rating of 40BC, [Ref:NFPA-96] with a valid inspection tag dated within the past 12 months.
3. All Fire Extinguishers shall be securely mounted in a conspicuous location near a door or entranceway to the establishment, available to employees at all times.
4. LP GAS TANKS [Those in service, and any spares/empties] shall be placed on a firm, level base and securely attached by a metal chain or cable to a stable structure of some type. Tanks shall not be located next to an aisle or walkway used for public access. All tanks shall be protected from the weather with approved hoods placed over the valve area. Tanks shall also be located so as not to be subject to vehicle impact and damage.
5. LP GAS piping shall be installed using approved piping methods and materials as allowed under NFPA-54/NFPA-58.
6. **NO** flammable liquids shall be present in any vendor's stand, vending vehicle, or building unless specifically approved by the Gilford Fire-Rescue Department.
7. All doors and/or exits which may be used as a means of escape by an employee or a customer of any vendor's facility shall be kept clear of all debris, trash or other obstructions at all times.
8. Facilities using electricity not supplied by a self contained or portable generator shall comply with the following requirements. [Ref: NFPA-70, the National Electric Code.]
 - A. Electricity shall be supplied from a GFCI receptacle or protected by a GFCI circuit breaker.
 - B. Extension cords shall be #14 AWG minimum, with grounding conductor, and the outer jacket shall not show evidence of damage. [No tape or splices.]
 - C. All cords shall be protected from mechanical damage by foot or vehicle traffic wherever the cord(s) extend across walkways, paths, or driveways. ["Duct Tape" is not approved.]

NOTICE

ALL ESTABLISHMENTS USING LP GAS, AND/OR COOKING SHALL BE INSPECTED BY THE GILFORD FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO THEIR FIRST DAY OF OPERATION, AND EVERY DAY THEREAFTER THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT IS IN OPERATION. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE REQUIREMENTS AT ALL TIMES MAY RESULT IN REVOCATION OF THE PERMIT TO OPERATE.

See front for general Vendor Permit Requirements.