



MARKET SQUARE FOOD VENDORS

(COOKING OR REHEATING FOODS)

No vendor shall cook or reheat food at the Market, including outdoors unless they have completed a Food Vendors application form and received approval of the Fire Prevention Unit, of the St. Catharines Fire Service. Applications shall be submitted not less than 30 days prior to the event. Applications submitted less than 30 days in advance may be unable to be reviewed.

- ☐ No cooking or reheating of foods which create smoke and or grease laden vapors is permitted in the Market Building. Grease laden vapors can include frying foods on a grill or in a fryer, reheating of foods that contain fats or oils, any cooking or reheating that uses oils, including butter etc. NOTE that many vegetarian meats contain oils which when heated or cooked create a grease laden vapor and are not permitted.
- ☐ All appliances, including barbecues, shall be located or protected to ensure that the public is unable to come into contact with hot surfaces. All appliances shall be listed for use in Canada and shall have a clear and easily read listing label firmly attached to the appliance. ***NO appliances listed "for residential use only" shall be permitted.***
- ☐ Vendors using fuel fired cooking appliances or tents must be located outdoors a minimum 3m from the Market Building, including the overhang. Appliances must be listed for use in Canada.
- ☐ All outdoor vendors using propane shall ensure that a soap/water leak test is performed upon set up and at any time that propane tank is exchanged or upon request by Fire Services.
- ☐ The use of charcoal or wood is prohibited at the Market unless approved in writing by Fire Services. Requests for approval shall be submitted a minimum 30 days in advance.
- ☐ Any tent used to protect cooking operations shall be listed as fire retardant to the satisfaction of Fire Services. The listing label shall be clearly visible on the tent. Tents shall always be weighted down while protecting cooking operations 9-14kg per leg in non-windy conditions. During windy conditions (30-50kmh) the weights shall be a minimum of 20kg per leg. Where winds exceed 50km per hour it is unsafe to use non-engineered tents at the Market Square property.
- ☐ The public shall be prohibited from entering any tents where cooking operations are taking place.
- ☐ All outdoor cooking operations shall be provided with a portable fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A10BC. Extinguishers shall be provided with an attached current inspection tag.

- ☐ Food vendors using sterno cans indoors for maintaining or reheating foods shall have a portable fire extinguisher with a minimum 2A10BC rating at the booth. There shall be no combustible items in the area including tablecloths unless flame retardant.
- ☐ Food trucks, carts and trailers shall be in conformance with all requirements outlined in the food vendor application and shall submit all required documents a minimum 30 days in advance for review and approval.
- ☐ Event organizers are required to notify Niagara Public Health of all events open to the public where the public will consume food at least 30 days in advance. All food vendors are subject to inspection by Niagara Public Health.
- ☐ All food vendors are subject to inspection by Fire Services as well as other enforcement agencies including the Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) and Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA).
- ☐ All food trucks, trailers and carts using propane and constructed since February 13, 2006 shall have an attached TSSA field approval label. The owner/operator of the MFSE constructed prior to this date is responsible to provide evidence of its construction date to the satisfaction of TSSA and the St. Catharines Fire Services. NOTE: The vehicle manufacturer date does not provide evidence of the date of conversion to a MFSE.
- ☐ All propane MFSE shall have an annual MFSE Inspection performed regardless of the date of construction performed by a G1 or G2 gas fitter who shall complete an inspection in accordance with TSSA Directors Order F056-06 and any amendments and a copy of the Inspection report on the most current inspection form shall be on site at all times which the MFSE is in operation. A copy of the report shall be submitted as part of the application process.
- ☐ Vendors using generators shall locate the generator a minimum of 1m from the Market building, any vehicles, or tents as well as openings into a building. Generators shall be located to prevent access to the public.
- ☐ Generators shall be listed for use in Canada and shall only be refueled while off.
- ☐ A portable fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A10BC shall be located at each generator.
- ☐ All food vendors not in compliance with all Fire Safety requirements will not be permitted to operate at the Market and may be subject to removal, inspection fees and or prosecution.

**Look for these
Canadian Certification marks**



When purchasing an electrical appliance look for one containing an approval label bearing one of these certification marks.



Appliance is NOT permitted to be used.

Appliances identified as for “Household Use Only”, “Not for Commercial Use” etc. have not been inspected and listed for commercial use and are not permitted to be used at the Market, at vendor shows, food trucks etc.



Appliance is NOT approved for use in Canada – may not be used

All appliances shall be approved by a recognized (in Ontario) testing agency. Items carrying the CE mark have been tested and approved for use in the European Market. These items are NOT permitted to be sold in Ontario and should be returned to point of purchase as their use can result in penalty. These items are often sold by on-line marketers both in Canada as well as internationally. Vendors may seek a “Field Approval” by applying for on-site inspection from the Electrical Safety Authority.

How to read an approval label for listed or approved appliances in Canada

Manufacturer
Serial Number
Model etc.



Item description
Approved use

Approval Agency



St Catharines Fire Services

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