



FOOD TRUCKS

What you need to know to operate in Riverside County

Operating a food truck at temporary events?

In adopting the recent amendments to Ordinance 580, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors is allowing a one year “phase-in period” effective April 8, 2014 for food trucks operating only at approved events. During this phase-in period, food trucks not compliant with current construction standards, but still meeting the requirements of a temporary food facility, may be allowed to operate at these approved events. Proper temporary event permits will continue to be required. After the one year phase-in period (April 8, 2015) all Mobile Food Facilities must meet current standards and obtain annual permits to operate. After April 8, 2015, food trucks that do not have an annual permit with the Riverside County Department of Environmental Health will not be approved to operate in Riverside County or within any of its incorporated cities.

Interested in operating a food truck?

Riverside County Ordinance 580 was amended in December 2013 to allow Mobile Food Preparation Units (food trucks) to operate in Riverside County on a daily basis starting April 8, 2014. All food trucks that operate in Riverside County or within any of its incorporated cities will be required to obtain an annual permit from Riverside County Department of Environmental Health. The following requirements must be met before a permit will be issued:

- Contact our Plan Check Program at (951) 358-5172 for construction and plan submittal requirements. Plans are required to be submitted along with a completed plan check application and payment of applicable plan check fees.
- Locate an approved commissary. A commissary is required for daily storage, cleaning, and servicing of the food truck. A signed commissary letter from the commissary owner is required at the final permitting inspection.
 - Prior to signing a lease agreement with a commissary, verify with our Plan Check Program that the commissary location is approved for use.
- Include a menu of all food items prepared, used, or sold from the food truck with the plan submittal.
- All food trucks are required to have their potable water tanks tested for the presence of coliform bacteria by an accredited laboratory and the operator shall provide written documentation showing the results. Any positive coliform test will require thorough cleaning and disinfecting of the tank, along with a follow-up laboratory test showing no coliform bacteria are present.
- Provide a written plan for waste grease and/or trash disposal both at the commissary and at the operating location of the food truck.
- Submit a route sheet, or other approved means of tracking the food truck, that indicates when and where the food truck will be operating. Any changes require prior notification to this Department.
- Obtain a Food Manager Certificate for at least one responsible operator. All other employees are required to obtain Riverside County Food Handler cards. Cards can be obtained at any area offices or online at www.rivcoeh.org.
- Provide copies of a valid vehicle registration for the food truck and drivers' license for all proposed drivers.
- Provide proof of business liability insurance naming Riverside County as an “additional insured”.