



Mobile Food Vendor Pollution Prevention

Mobile Food Vendors

Mobile Food Vendors including food trucks, hot dog carts, street fair booths, and kiosks are mobile businesses that serve food to the public. They are required to possess a valid permit with Skagit County Public Health Food Safety Program. Businesses are required to handle and dispose of their waste properly.

This guide provides information on common wastes generated by mobile food vendors and disposal methods in Skagit County. Food vendors operating within City limits must always follow local regulations and guidelines.



Why it Matters

There are increased risks to human health and the environment when waste is mismanaged. Business owners are legally and financially responsible for the waste they produce. Knowing how to manage waste and prevent pollution can help protect yourself, your workers, and your customers from illness or injury.

Pollution Prevention Assistance

The Pollution Prevention Program offers no-cost, voluntary technical assistance site visits to businesses to evaluate business practices and provide information on pollution prevention. Preventing pollution at the source will keep our water ways clean and improve our public health.

Only Rain Down the Drain

Only rain is permitted to enter a storm drain. A storm drain is typically a grated inlet or pipe that is designed to collect and direct rainwater runoff from streets, parking lots, and other surfaces to prevent flooding. The collected water ultimately flows into the Skagit River without going through a treatment process. Dumping any materials directly into or near a storm drain is prohibited.

Even small spills are harmful. Small spills like oil stains, bleach bucket pour outs, etc., add up overtime resulting in an accumulation in pollutants that are collected during rain events.



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Mobile Food Vendor Waste Guide

Used Motor Oil & Spent Antifreeze

If you do your own maintenance on your food truck, you may generate used oil and spent antifreeze.

Use compatible containers that are in good condition. Keep containers closed, except when adding or removing waste. Clearly label all containers with contents "Used Oil" "Spent antifreeze". Ensure labels are legible from a distance. Store the container in secondary containment and in a secure area away from floor or storm drains.

Tires

Separated tires are accepted at the Skagit County Transfer Station (limit 4).

Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG)

Arrange disposal with your commissary kitchen or a fats, oil, and grease service provider.

Where Can I Take My Business Waste?

The Skagit County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center, located at the Skagit County Transfer and Recycling Station, **14104 Ovenell Road, Mount Vernon**, will accept chemical wastes on the third Wednesday of each month, from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Bring your chemical wastes in safe, labeled, leak proof containers. You will need to accurately identify your chemicals. We are unable to accept any unknown waste and by law we cannot accept your chemical wastes if you do not qualify as an SQG. We will inventory your wastes, receive them from you, and give you a receipt for your files that will prove that your business properly disposed of its chemicals.

Cost will depend on what type of waste you have.

Hold All Wash Water on Board

All wash water used for cleaning must be held on board until it can be properly discharged at a sanitary sewer connection (cleanout, mop sink, etc.). You must also properly dispose of melted ice water and cooling equipment discharge.

Waste water from cooking, steaming, water baths, dishwashing, mop water, sanitizing solution, and vehicle wash water are all considered waste.

No Dumping

- Do not pour grease, food waste, wash water, or anything else down the storm drain or septic system.
- Any spills must be cleaned up and disposed of immediately.
- A spill kit should be handy for such emergencies. Spill kit should include:
 - Plastic Bag
 - Labels
 - Broom
 - Absorbent, like "kitty litter"
- Keep an oil drip pan in your kit to prevent parking lot leaks.

No Trash in the Storm Drain

- Trash is a pollutant when it enters the storm drain. Remember, some trash can be recycled.
- Other items, such as floor cleaners, pesticides, and solvents are toxic and should not be mixed in with trash but disposed of as hazardous waste.
- No liquid wastes (water or oil) in the trash. Make the wet waste "dry" by mixing with kitty litter.
- Check around your operation and clean up any trash before leaving the area, by sweeping.

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