



CENTRAL PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE

Washington State Fire Marshal's Mobile Food Vendor Program



2026 Program Updates

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What Has Changed For 2026?

The addition of an LPG (propane) system inspection by an approved agency.

The WSAFM Mobile Food Preparation Vehicle Committee reviewed recent inquiries regarding the inspection and testing of "fuel gas piping systems" (2021 IFC Section 319.10.3). These systems need to be annually inspected by an "approved inspection agency" or a company registered with the US DOT. In review of this requirement and consideration for vendors, we are suggesting the following list of agencies and qualifications that you may consider approved: RVIA, RVDA, NVRTA, LPG service technicians, certified fuel gas installers, or a company registered w/USDOT to requalify LP-gas cylinders. RV repair facilities, marine facilities, or licensed LPG-tank installers are good places for vendors to obtain these qualified inspections. Fire inspectors should check for an affixed inspection tag dated within the last 12 months from an approved agency. This change is provided in new question 4b in the LPG section of the checklist.

The increase in the distance of non-vehicle-mounted generators from combustibles from 10 feet to 12 feet.

Generator section. The NFPA reference has been updated to 2021 NFPA 96 17.5.2, for 12-foot separation between generator and combustible (question 1).

Given that most inspections are completed remote and not at the vendor location, operations utilizing non-vehicle-mounted generators w

When Will The Changes Go Into Effect?

June 1, 2026

Inspections taking place prior to June 1, 2026, will not be required to have an LPG inspection or a 12-foot distance between the non-vehicle-mounted generator and combustibles (at least 10 ft) for a passing inspection. The vendor will be furnished with inspection forms that do not include the new requirements. With a passing inspection, an Operational Permit for the City of Puyallup can be issued. It is important to understand that other jurisdictions may not accept the form for their permit process because it does not include the new requirements.

All passing inspections taking place on/after June 1st require an approved LPG Inspection and the capability to place the non-mounted generator twelve feet from combustible materials.

If a vendor meets all the newest program requirements prior to June 1st and passes the inspection, they will be issued inspection paperwork containing the new requirements.

Inspection Recommendations

Please refer to the above section regarding LPG inspections. Central Pierce Fire & Rescue cannot recommend vendors to meet this requirement. It is recommended to contact your MFV manufacturer for guidance.

Questions?

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