

Seattle Fire Prevention Division

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Regional Food Truck Inspection Program

Seattle is participating in the regional food truck inspection program. Food trucks can now receive a regional checklist inspection from any of the [participating fire departments](#), and that inspection will be recognized by all participating fire departments, including the Seattle Fire Department each year. With proof of an inspection from another jurisdiction, you will receive a discounted food truck permit from most jurisdictions, including Seattle. A permit is generally required from each jurisdiction you operate in. In addition to the regional checklist inspection, inspectors may perform additional drop-by inspections during events to ensure safe operations throughout the year.

Permits

In Seattle, a [food truck permit and inspection](#) is \$422 (permit code 8206-TRK). However, if you provide a copy of the regional inspection checklist performed by another jurisdiction within the past 12 months, the Seattle food truck permit is reduced to \$352 (permit code 8206-RGL). Refunds may be provided if you pay for the Seattle permit with inspection and then have the inspection performed by another jurisdiction. Permit applications are available on our website: <http://www.seattle.gov/fire/business-services/permits#howtoapplyforapermit>

Inspections

Your food truck must pass a fire department inspection each year. All participating jurisdictions will use the [regional inspection checklist](#) during these inspections and may have additional requirements specific to their jurisdiction. You may provide proof of an inspection passed within the last 12 months to participating jurisdictions instead of completing additional annual inspections in each jurisdiction.

In Seattle, you will receive your permit as soon as an inspection is completed, however after payment is made, you can operate your food truck following the standard conditions for up to 30 days with the receipt posted, even before the SFD inspection has occurred. You must complete an inspection with SFD within 30 days of your payment. If you do not complete the inspection within 30 days, you will be in violation of permit conditions and in violation of the Seattle Fire Code which may result in civil or criminal penalties.

Inspections occur on Wednesday mornings and will be scheduled at the time you pay for your permit. The inspector will use the [regional inspection checklist](#) during the inspection. When the inspection is complete, you will receive an inspection report by email. Print and store a copy of the inspection report along with your permits as proof of your regional inspection when traveling to other participating jurisdictions.