

Fairfax County Department of Code Compliance (DCC) Food Trucks





What is considered a Food Truck?

A food truck is any readily movable mobile food service establishment, to include any vehicle that is self-propelled, pushed, or pulled to a specific location.

Where can a food truck operate?

Food trucks may receive approval to operate on public or private property, or within designated public streets.

Permitting agencies include:

- Department of Tax Administration
- Health Department
- Zoning Administration
- Cable and Consumer Services
- Fire Marshal

Where and when can food trucks set up?

This depends on the location and the type of activity. A few common examples include the following:



- Commercial or industrial areas: must conform to all land use plans or other approvals for the property.
- Construction Site: for as long as construction is ongoing and permitted
- Nonresidential uses in residential areas: up to 45 calendar days per year at locations such as pools, houses of worship, and schools.
- Agritourism and Farm Wineries: subject to open hours of the venue, and other rules may apply.
- Hours limited in most locations: no more than four hours in any one day

IMPORTANT: Up to three food trucks are allowed, but commercial/industrial lots under 25,000 GSF are limited to one. Specific rules apply based on the location. Use QR below to check website for more information.

Contact Us



We are here to help – if you have questions, want to make a report, or if you are the subject of enforcement and need to contact us. You can report problems online, reach us via email (codecompliance@fairfaxcounty.gov), phone (703-324-1300 / TTY 711), or visit us in person.

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