



San Francisco Department of Public Health Green Programs

Restaurants/Bars Compliance Applicability Guide

Restaurants and bars are regulated by several agencies*. The SF Fire Department (SFFD) requires permits for the storage and use of compressed gases and other flammable materials over amounts specified below. All food establishments, bars and catering operations are regulated by the SF Department of Public Health (SFDPH) food safety program. Facilities that store large amounts of hazardous materials including compressed gases or generate hazardous waste are also regulated by the SFDPH Hazardous Materials Unified Program Agency (HMUPA).

The SF Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) requires restaurants to implement fats, oils and grease (FOG) reduction best management practices (BMPs). The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) has specific permit requirements for charbroilers and wood-burning devices.

***Note:** This is not a complete list of local regulatory requirements.

See detail below for common activities and storage situations that require compliance by your San Francisco facility and where to get compliance help or obtain required permits/registrations:

SFFD, Bureau of Fire Prevention, 698 2nd St., SF, CA 94107 415- 558-3303 www.sf-fire.org/

Permits required for:

- Storage/use of over 5 gal flammable liquids inside building, over 10 gal outside building
- Storage/use of over 25 gal combustible liquids inside, over 60 gal outside (examples: diesel, some degreasers)
- Any amount of liquefied petroleum (LP) gases such as propane and butane
- Beverage compressed gases (CO₂ and Nitrogen) over 6000 cf
- Storage/use of any amount of hot plate fuels such as sternos.
- Storage, use, dispensing, transporting or handling of other hazmats (amts vary per type)

BAAQMD, Engineering Division, 939 Ellis St., SF, CA 94109 415-771-6000 www.baaqmd.gov

- Chain-driven (conveyorized) charbroiler in a restaurant that purchases 500 pounds of beef or more per week
- Under-fired charbroiler in a restaurant that purchases 1,000 lbs of beef or more per week
- New wood-burning devices (fireplaces and wood stoves) must be either:
 - An EPA certified device, or
 - Pellet- fueled, or
 - Gas-fueled device
- No wood burning in a wood-burning device (inside or outside) during a *Winter Spare the Air* Alert
- Never burn trash, treated wood or other inappropriate material in a wood-burning device

SFDPH- Consumer Protection and Food Safety Program, 1390 Market St., Ste. 210, SF, CA 94102 415-252-3800 www.sfdph.org/dph/eh/

- Food Establishment Operating permits required

SFDPH- HMUPA, 1390 Market St., Ste. 210, SF, CA 94102 415-252-3907/ 415-252-3922

www.sfdph.org/dph/eh/

SF Health & Safety Code, Articles 21, 21A, 22, 24 and 25; CA H&SC and CCR

- Over HMUPA thresholds of hazardous materials (55 gal liquid, 500 lbs solid, 200 cu ft gas) : compliance certificate required
- Generate any amount of hazardous waste: compliance certificate required
- Universal Waste generation or collection: must be handled in accordance with current state and/or federal laws



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SFPUC Wastewater Enterprise, Pretreatment Source Control Program, 3801 3rd St., Ste. 600, SF, CA 94124 415-695-7310 www.sfwater.org

- Must comply with the wastewater discharge limits and prohibitions set forth in the SF Municipal Code (Section 123 of Article 4.1, Chapter X, Part II), as well as those in DPW Order #158170. No specific permits are issued.
- Are required to implement fats, oils and grease (FOG) reduction best management practices (BMPs). Facilities are inspected by WWE inspectors to check on proper implementation of BMPs.
- New FOG Control Ordinance proposed. See this info link to see how this may affect your site: http://sfwater.org/detail.cfm/MC_ID/14/MSC_ID/118/MTO_ID/229/C_ID/4939/ListID/1

Other

- Air compressor- CA Dept of Industrial Relations (CalOSHA) permit <http://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/>
- Workers' Compensation Insurance required for all businesses with employees- CA Dept of Industrial Relations Worker's Comp. Division: http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/dwc_home_page.htm