

MOBILE FOOD TRUCK GUIDANCE

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & CONSERVATION

LICENSING, PERMITS AND INSURANCE

Vendors must have an active, registered business license with the Montana Secretary of State's office, a current food service license from the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS), and the required commercial and liability insurance, and Worker's Compensation insurance as a Montana business owner.

FOOD HANDLING, FOOD QUALITY, SANITATION AND SAFETY

Proper food handling practices are required to prevent foodborne illnesses. Make sure to store, prepare, and serve food at safe temperatures, and implement good hygiene practices among your staff.

All foods shall be cooked to minimize health hazards in accordance with the requirements of the current FDA Food Code. Food trucks must be always kept clean and sanitary. This includes regular cleaning of food contact surfaces, utensils, and equipment, as well as proper waste disposal procedures.

Ensure that your food truck meets all fire safety regulations, including having working fire extinguishers and smoke detectors onboard.

Further details on Montana mobile food truck guidance can be found at [Mobile Guidance for Local Sanitarians](#).

PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS

All work shall be performed in a safe and professional manner. The Incident Commander (IC) may release any vendor deemed incompetent, careless, or otherwise objectionable, from an incident assignment.

Non-prescription and federally unlawful drugs and alcohol are not permitted at an incident or on site at a DNRC location. Possession or use of these substances will result in the Vendor being released from the incident. Possession of firearms or other dangerous weapons is prohibited at all times while on a DNRC incident or office location and during performance of services.

PRICING & PAYMENT

Vendors are responsible for and will provide all food products, equipment, materials, supplies, transportation, personnel, supervision and management of those personnel, necessary to provide food services to a DNRC incident or office location.

Electronic payment via government credit card (ProCard) will be processed directly with the vendor and will be the only accepted form of payment. Vendors must provide an invoice listing the quantity of meals served and the price per meal. Timing of the payment needs to be coordinated with the IC.

Price per meal will not exceed the regular prices charged to the public during normal business operations. Vendors must keep track of all meals served to ensure proper payment.

Note: Alcohol is prohibited. No alcohol is to be brought to the incident, nor sold by the vendor at any DNRC incident or location.

It is intended that the DNRC will utilize a vendor within a local commuting distance. This local commuting distance equates to a maximum radius of 50 miles or a distance that the vendor can reasonably be expected to travel back and forth to the work site as determined by the ordering DNRC unit.

Upon release, the final payment due to the vendor will include the quantity of meals served, as well as the vendor's total accumulated mileage to and from the location, if outside the vendor's Servicing Area location (as described in the [Mobile Guidance for Local Sanitarians](#)). The price per mile is \$1.50. Vendors must track mileage and post the total accumulated mileage, plus the projected final "return to base" mileage if outside the servicing area. Incident Finance may verify mileage using Google Maps.

Any issues or concerns must be communicated as quickly as possible to affect a timely resolution.

Settlement of claims will be handled at the incident.

The Government shall not be liable for any loss, damage, or destruction of such equipment, except for loss, damage or destruction resulting from the negligence, or wrongful act(s) of Government employee(s) while acting within the scope of their employment. The operator is responsible for operating the equipment within its operating limits and responsible for safety of the equipment.

Montana Food Truck websites:

[Montana Food Trucks - Menus, Locations & Best Street Food](#)

[Guide to Missoula, MT Food Trucks \(May 2026\) - Roaming Hunger](#)