



**INFORMATION & APPLICATION
FOR
ROAMING FOOD VENDING PERMITS
ON CITY PROPERTY**

For additional information contact 3-1-1 (outside Vancouver, 604-873-7000)

**For requirements regarding Food Vending Units or Commissaries please contact
Vancouver Coastal Health Authority at 604.675.3800**

Apply for a roaming food vending permit

The roaming food vending permit allows food and non-alcoholic drinks to be sold on City property from a vending unit that may change locations.

You will need one permit for each vending unit you operate.

Fees

The permit fee is based on the type of vending unit you are operating (motorised or non-motorised). Please note that the specific fee amounts may vary each year. To obtain the most up-to-date fee schedule, please visit our website or see the annual Engineering Fees Report.

Qualifications

We welcome your application if you:

- Are legally entitled to work in Canada
- Have valid liability and vehicle insurance
- Have a current City of Vancouver business licence
- Complete a criminal record search
- Have a valid health permit

Insurance requirements

As a condition of being granted a vending permit, you must show “Proof of Liability Insurance” coverage which meets the following minimum requirements:

- Inclusive limit of \$2,000,000 P.L. and P.D. (Public Liability & Property Damage)
- Cross Liability Clause
- City of Vancouver named as an insured

A permit will not be granted until proof of insurance has been received.

How to apply

Each vending unit needs a roaming food vending permit. [Register your online account and submit your application.](#)

The following information will need to be provided:

1. Photo of your vending unit
2. Copy of your Provincial Health Permit
3. Copy of your current business licence
4. Valid Liability Insurance
5. Copy of motor vehicle insurance (if applicable)
6. Criminal record search
7. Permit fees

Rules and requirements

Times and locations where vending is not allowed

- Outside of the hours noted on your permit
- Downtown, on streets West of Main Street and north of False Creek
- Within one block of grade schools on school days from 8:00am to 5:00pm
- Within park boundaries (including parking lots), beaches, school grounds, or private properties
- 100 m of park concession stands

Locations with restrictions

- Olympic Village:
 - Maximum of four trucks for the entire village area
 - Two trucks are permitted at any one time at the village square. If parked on 1600 Manitoba Street, vending may only take place on the east side of the block
 - Maximum of two trucks are permitted at any one time at Hinge Park. Vending may only take place on the west side of Columbia Street
- Terminal Avenue:
 - Maximum of two vendors per day between Station Street and Thornton Street
- Railway Street:
 - Maximum of three vendors per day between Gore Avenue and Jackson Street
 - Side streets off of Railway Street are not permitted.

- Spanish Banks:
 - Maximum of two (2) vendors along NW Marine Dr, parked between the street and the sidewalk/ walking path.
 - May only be operational between 10am and 10pm, including prep and shut down. Trucks may not be on site prior to 10am and must vacate prior to 10pm.
 - Vendors may only sell two (2) days per 7 day week.
 - Vendors are not permitted to park in any Parks Board parking lots.
 - Vendors must not be within 100m from any park concession when operating.
 - Restricted areas are:
 - West of 4668 NW Marine Drive
 - Along NW Marine Drive from Sasamat to Belmont
- Vending is NOT permitted on any street adjacent to or within one city block of the PNE/ Hastings Park site during any event, festival, the annual exhibition, and the Playland operating season.

Vending near restaurants

Roaming food vendors must stay 100 m away from restaurants that sell a similar food product, concept, or theme.

Example: A roaming food vendor is parked less than 100 m from a juice business.

- **Not allowed:** The roaming vendor sells only juice. This food concept or theme is too similar to the juice business.
- **Allowed:** The roaming vendor sells breakfast items including juice. The juice menu item is the only similarity to the juice business.

Vending permits

- Must be displayed to the public at all times
- May not be sold or transferred
- Remain the property of the City of Vancouver
- Must be given immediately, upon request, to any City of Vancouver official or Vancouver Police Department member

Roaming vending units

- Be legally parked when stopped. If parked at a meter, the meter fees must be paid
- Be operational within 60 minutes of arrival at any given site
- Move to a new location if there are no customers after 60 minutes
- Exempt from hourly parking limits when operating

- Keep work and storage areas clean, present a neat appearance, and provide a rubbish and recycle bin for customers
- Have someone in attendance at all times
- Follow all requirements set out in National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 96 for ventilation control and fire protection
- Maintain the waste management plan indicated in your permit application and dispose of waste as per your waste management plan in accordance with **the Solid Waste Bylaw No. 8417 PDF file (218 KB)**
- Enclosed Trailer vending units must remain attached to a motorised vehicle at all times
- Only small sidewalk push carts, bicycle units, enclosed trailers, or food trucks will be permitted

Sound systems in vending units

- Played no louder than 65dBA when measured at 10m directly in front of the vending unit
- Set so the operator of the vending unit cannot adjust the volume above the limit

Failure to comply with the requirements listed above may result in one or more of the following

- Confiscation of goods
- Suspension of the permit
- Cancellation of the permit

Waste Management Plan

The Waste Management Plan criteria aligns with City of Vancouver's priorities, specifically the Greenest City Action Plan, Zero Waste 2040 Plan, and the Solid Waste By-Law.

Street Food Vendors are required to:

- Separate waste into a minimum of 3 streams: recyclable, compostable organics, and general garbage as required by City By-Law
- Collect, remove, and appropriately dispose of all garbage, recyclables, and compostable organics originating from your operation
- Demonstrate a commitment to sustainability by reducing packaging where possible and using recyclable or compostable packaging and utensils

APPENDIX A

WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN GUIDELINES

If you are successful with your permit application/ renewal, it is expected that you will implement the measures as stated in this section. Recycling and composting options must be present at your vending and commissary sites.

Background

As part of the Greenest City Action Plan, the City of Vancouver is striving to reduce solid waste from going to landfill and incinerator by 50% from 2008 levels.

The success of waste diversion is highly dependent on waste reduction and recycling efforts of our residents and businesses. Street food vendors are an important public symbol on how to act responsibly towards our environment, specifically through proper waste management. Learn to reduce food waste on Metro Vancouver's Love Food Hate Waste website (external website): <https://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com/>

Why Recycle Food Scraps and Divert Waste?



Recyclable Materials and Organic Waste Diversion Guidelines

Pursuant to the Solid Waste By-Law No. 8417

- Businesses must have a recyclable materials diversion plan for any recyclable waste produced on the property and dispose of recyclables in accordance with their plan (section 5.12)
- Businesses must have an organic waste diversion plan for any organic waste (including food scraps) produced on the property and dispose of organic waste in accordance with their plan (section 6.7A.1)

There are various ways to comply with these bylaws. The most common option is to set up receptacles for separating and collecting the various waste streams. Street food vendors should consider the following:

- Provide a minimum of three separate receptacles, one for compostable organics, one for recyclables, and one for general garbage at the vending site for use by staff and customers.
- Take all waste streams from the vending site back to the commissary disposal in accordance to City By-law
- Provide clear signage with visuals on the receptacles to help staff customers sort waste correctly. Signage is available to download at Metro Vancouver website:
<http://www.metrovancouver.org/services/solid-waste/recycling-signage-campaigns/recycling-signage-colours/Pages/default.aspx>
- If your commissary uses a private waste hauler to dispose of your waste, please discuss with them your options for diverting recyclables and organics.



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Packaging and Utensil Guidelines

In support of the goal to become a zero waste community, the City of Vancouver has created the Single-Use Item Reduction Strategy as part of the Zero Waste 2040 plan to support a reduction of waste from single-use items such as plastic and paper bags, polystyrene foam cups and take-out containers, disposal hot and cold drink cups, take-out food containers, and disposable straws and utensils. Details of the full strategy can be found here: vancouver.ca/singleuseitems.

To reduce garbage and reduce business costs spent on packaging and waste disposal, Street Food Vendors should minimise single use packaging and utensils and, instead, consider using re-usable products. If there is no other choice, consider using products that are recyclable or compostable.

Note that many compostable plastic and biodegradable plastic products, such as cups, cutlery, food containers, and bags may not be accepted at local composting facilities. Please check with your waste disposal service provider to confirm whether your chosen products are accepted in composting and recycling facilities.