

Excerpts from the Wisconsin Food Code Regarding:
Mobile Food Carts/Establishments

(53m) Mobile food establishment.

- (a) **“Mobile food establishment”** means a restaurant or retail FOOD ESTABLISHMENT where FOOD is served or sold from a movable vehicle, push cart, trailer or boat which periodically or continuously changes location and requires a SERVICE BASE to accommodate the unit for servicing, cleaning, inspection and maintenance or except as specified in ¶ 9–103.11(D).
- (b) **“Mobile food establishment”** does not include a vehicle which is used solely to transport or deliver FOOD or a common carrier regulated by the state or federal government, or a movable concession stand designed to operate as a TEMPORARY FOOD ESTABLISHMENT or a traveling retail FOOD ESTABLISHMENT.

(84) **“Service Base”** means an operating base location to which a MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT or transportation vehicle returns regularly for such things as vehicle and EQUIPMENT cleaning, discharging liquid or solid wastes, refilling water tanks and ice bins, and boarding FOOD.

5–104.12 Alternative Water Supply.

Water meeting the requirements specified under Subparts 5–101, 5–102, and 5–103 shall be made available for a mobile facility, for a TEMPORARY FOOD ESTABLISHMENT without a permanent water supply, and for a FOOD ESTABLISHMENT with a temporary interruption of its water supply through:

- (A) A supply of containers of commercially BOTTLED DRINKING WATER;
- (B) One or more closed portable water containers;
- (C) An enclosed vehicular water tank;
- (D) An on–PREMISES water storage tank; or
- (E) Piping, tubing, or hoses connected to an adjacent APPROVED source.

5–3 MOBILE WATER TANK AND MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT WATER TANK

Materials 5–301.11 Approved.

Materials that are used in the construction of a mobile water tank, MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT water tank, and appurtenances shall be:

- (A) Safe;
- (B) Durable, CORROSION–RESISTANT, and nonabsorbent; and
- (C) Finished to have a SMOOTH, EASILY CLEANABLE surface.

Design and Construction

5–302.11 Enclosed System, Sloped to Drain.

A mobile water tank shall be:

- (A) Enclosed from the filling inlet to the discharge outlet; and
- (B) Sloped to an outlet that allows complete drainage of the tank.

5–302.12 Inspection and Cleaning Port, Protected and Secured.

If a water tank is designed with an access port for inspection and cleaning, the opening shall be in the top of the tank and:

- (A) Flanged upward at least 13 mm (one-half inch); and
- (B) Equipped with a port cover assembly that is:
 - (1) Provided with a gasket and a device for securing the cover in place, and
 - (2) Flanged to overlap the opening and sloped to drain.

5-303.13 Mobile Food Establishment Tank Inlet.

A MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT'S water tank inlet shall be:

- (A) 19.1 mm (three-fourths inch) in inner diameter or less; and
- (B) Provided with a hose connection of a size or type that will prevent its use for any other service.

Operation and Maintenance

5-304.11 System Flushing and Disinfection.

A water tank, pump, and hoses shall be flushed and SANITIZED before being placed in service after construction, repair, modification, and periods of nonuse.

5-304.12 Using a Pump and Hoses, Backflow Prevention.

A PERSON shall operate a water tank, pump, and hoses so that backflow and other contamination of the water supply are prevented.

5-304.13 Protecting Inlet, Outlet, and Hose Fitting.

If not in use, a water tank and hose inlet and outlet fitting shall be protected using a cover or device as specified under § 5-303.12.

5-304.14 Tank, Pump, and Hoses, Dedication.

- (A) Except as specified in ¶ (B), a water tank, pump, and hoses used for conveying DRINKING WATER shall be used for no other purpose.
- (B) Water tanks, pumps, and hoses APPROVED for liquid FOODS may be used for conveying DRINKING WATER if they are cleaned and SANITIZED before they are used to convey water.

SEWAGE disposal:

Mobile Holding Tank

5-401.11 Capacity and Drainage.

A SEWAGE holding tank in a MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT shall be:

- (A) Sized 15 percent larger in capacity than the water supply tank; and
- (B) Sloped to a drain that is 25 mm (1 inch) in inner diameter or greater, equipped with a shut-off valve.

5-402.12 Grease Trap.

If used, a grease trap shall be located to be easily accessible for cleaning as required by the State Uniform Plumbing Code, chs. Comm 81 to 87, as enforced by the Wisconsin department of commerce.

Note: Contact the Safety and Buildings Division at the Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 2509, Madison, WI 53701, telephone 608-266-3151 and 711 (TTY) or <http://www.commerce.state.wi.us/SB/> operation and maintenance

5-402.13 Conveying Sewage.C

SEWAGE shall be conveyed to the point of disposal through an APPROVED sanitary SEWAGE system or other system, including use of SEWAGE transport vehicles, waste retention tanks, pumps, pipes, hoses, and connections that are constructed, maintained, and operated according to LAW.

5-402.14 Removing Mobile Food Establishment Wastes.

SEWAGE and other liquid wastes shall be removed from a MOBILE FOOD ESTABLISHMENT at an APPROVED waste SERVICING AREA or by a SEWAGE transport vehicle in such a way that a public health HAZARD or nuisance is not created.

5-402.15 Flushing a Waste Retention Tank.

A tank for liquid waste retention shall be thoroughly flushed and drained in a sanitary manner during the servicing operation.

Disposal Facility 5-403.11 Approved Sewage System.

SEWAGE shall be disposed through an APPROVED facility that is:

- (A) A public SEWAGE treatment plant; or
- (B) A private SEWAGE system that is sized, constructed, maintained, and operated according to the State Uniform Plumbing Code, chs. Comm 81 to 87, as enforced by the Wisconsin department of commerce.

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