

Lancaster Fire Department
Guidelines for fires at food service facilities

**Hood suppression systems are to be serviced semi-annually.
A hood cleaning schedule should be adhered to, to ensure grease build-up is kept to
a minimum.**

**Records of service and cleaning should be kept on site.
All UL 300 systems require a companion K-Class extinguisher.**

In case of a cooking fire under a hood:

- Inform nearby co-workers of fire, and to call 911.
- Have them evacuate the building's occupants, as you pull the hood suppressions manual pull station near exit.
- Allow system to extinguish fire, if it can be done safely, use "K" class extinguisher (usually silver colored) to put out any remaining fire.
- Leave building and await arrival of the Lancaster Fire Department.

In case of a fire NOT under a hood:

- Inform nearby co-workers of fire, and to call 911.
- Have them evacuate the building's occupants, as you use an extinguisher.
 - ◆ Pick the right extinguisher for the right fire!
 - ◆ Only use the "K" class ext. for fires involving cooking grease.
 - ◆ Use the more common ABC ext.'s for all other fires. (Usually red)

What the manager's need to do:

- An LFD Inspector will be called and will assess the situation. **No one**, other than LFD personnel, is to move anything until investigation is complete.
- Any **used** suppression devices, (hood and/or extinguishers), will need to be serviced prior to re-opening. **Call** servicing company.
- If grease has built-up on hood, a **call** will need to be placed to your hood cleaners, prior to re-opening.
- Place closed signs at entrances/doors. To limit congestion.
- Other requirements may need to be completed, per an LFD Inspector. (i.e., building dept. permits, etc.)
- **CALL THE HEALTH DEPT** – (740) 653-4489 ext. 119 or 120, **ASAP**, advise them of the fire and if any food was affected.

You will NOT be allowed to re-open until BOTH the Health Dept. & the Lancaster Fire Dept. Inspectors have approved it. FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN FINES/PENALTIES.