



Fire Department

Martin J. Walsh, Mayor

Boston Fire Department Commercial Hood / Ventilation Cleaning Notice

The Boston Fire Department (BFD) enforces all regulations that are subject to 527 CMR 1.00 Commercial Cooking Operations and The City of Boston Ordinance for the Cleaning of Commercial Cooking Hoods and Ventilation Systems. The following is a partial list of deficiencies that are commonly overlooked by hood cleaner contractors who work within the City of Boston. The BFD will enforce all violations of the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Boston.

- 1) Deficiency reports and Contract Cancellation Notices shall be forwarded to the Boston Fire Prevention Division. All reports are to be sent within 5 business days. The forms are available on the Boston Fire Department Fire Prevention web site.
- 2) Hood sticker signatures and deficiency reports must be legible.
- 3) The appropriate colored cleaning sticker affixed to the hood shall indicate the correct cleaning schedule.
- 4) The hood sticker date must be punched out on the sticker accordingly.
- 5) BFD cleaner registration number must be listed on the sticker. (example: EXHOOD####)
- 6) Deficiency reports shall be submitted for duct work that lacks the required access panels.
- 7) Deficiency reports shall be sent when there is no line diagram of the duct system on site.
- 8) The Boston Fire Department requires that all kitchens with a Fryolator be cleaned on a quarterly schedule. If the grease buildup is less than 2000 microns after 6 months then a letter requesting a 6 month cleaning schedule may be submitted to the BFD for approval.
- 9) Changes of address or employment shall be in writing to the Boston Fire Department Fire Prevention Division within 5 days of said change. All deficiency reports shall be sent by mail to Boston Fire Department, Attn: Inspector David Hayes, 1010 Mass Ave, 4th floor, Boston, Ma. 02118 or faxed to 617-343-3696, or emailed to: david.hayes@boston.gov

Failure to adhere to these or any other regulations relative to Commercial Cooking Hoods and Ventilation Systems may result in a suspension of your Boston Hood Cleaner / Inspector Certification, issuance of a Massachusetts non-criminal fire code violation, or both.

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