



MARCH 3-6
NASHVILLE, TN

INDOOR BURNING REQUIREMENTS

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GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Approval and Documentation

- Exhibitors wishing to operate an appliance within the indoor exhibit hall must complete and submit an **Indoor Burning Request Form**, including a drawing of the exhibit space showing appliance locations and natural gas drop locations (if applicable), to HPBA Show Management no later than **December 1, 2026**.
- All installations and operations are subject to approval by HPBA Show Management, Music City Center, and local fire authorities. Approval from HPBA Show Management is required before any indoor burning operation is permitted.
- Exhibitors operating an appliance inside the exhibit hall must obtain a **Certificate to Burn** from HPBA Show Management. Certificates will be distributed in approved exhibit spaces on **Wednesday, March 3**, following exhibitor acknowledgment of these requirements and approval during the fire inspection walk-through. Exhibitors must be present in their booths and prepared to correct any deficiencies identified during the inspection.
- Exhibitors are solely responsible for providing documentation confirming that each appliance is certified, safety tested, and listed for its intended use in accordance with all applicable regulations and standards.
- Requests to display or operate prototype appliances that have not yet been fully tested and listed will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Exhibitors must submit complete technical documentation together with a letter from a recognized testing laboratory confirming that the product is currently undergoing testing and is considered safe for demonstration under trade show conditions. HPBA Show Management reserves the right to approve or deny any prototype at its sole discretion.

Booth Requirements

- Indoor burning is permitted only within exhibit spaces specifically designated for burning appliances on the official exhibit hall floor plan.
- Exhibitors operating natural gas appliances must have a minimum exhibit space of **400 square feet** configured as an **island booth**.
- Only **natural gas** and **alcohol/ethanol-fueled** appliances are permitted to operate within the indoor exhibit hall.
- Propane (LP gas), combustible oils, solid fuels, and all other fuel types are prohibited inside the exhibit hall. Violators will have prohibited fuel confiscated and may be subject to booth closure, loss of priority points, and/or exclusion from future HPBExpo events.
- Cooking is not permitted on or in any appliance within the indoor exhibit hall, regardless of fuel source.

Installation and Operation

- Appliances must be installed and operated in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions, including all required clearances to combustibles.
- Owner's manuals for all operating appliances must be available upon request during move-in, inspections, and show days.
- All new products must be pre-burned to eliminate startup odors and emissions.
- All burning appliances must be visually monitored by exhibit personnel whenever they are operating.
- Exhibitors will be permitted access to the exhibit hall prior to show opening each day to ensure appliances are operating properly before attendees enter the exhibit hall. Access will begin at:
 - **7:30 a.m.** – Thursday, March 4
 - **8:00 a.m.** – Friday, March 5
 - **8:00 a.m.** – Saturday, March 6

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Safety Requirements

- Each exhibitor operating one or more appliances must provide at least one readily accessible **2A:40BC fire extinguisher** bearing a current inspection tag.
- At least one fire extinguisher must be located within **30 feet** of each operating appliance and within **5 feet** of any appliance with an **exposed** flame. Additional extinguishers may be required to satisfy these distance requirements.
- Certified fire extinguishers may be rented through the official General Service Contractor, Freeman.
- Appliances with an exposed flame must be positioned so the exposed flame is at least **3 feet** from any show aisle. Appliances that can be oriented toward the interior of the booth should do so whenever practical. This requirement does not apply to fireplaces with enclosed flames.
- Indoor air quality will be monitored throughout the event. If air quality exceeds acceptable limits, HPBA Show Management may require one or more appliances to cease operation until acceptable air quality is restored.

Inspections and Enforcement

- All operating appliances are subject to inspection before show opening and at any time during the event by HPBA Show Management, Music City Center, and local fire officials.
- Exhibitors must be prepared to provide appliance certification labels, owner's manuals, and any requested documentation during inspections.
- HPBA Show Management, Music City Center, and local fire officials reserve the right to require modification of any installation or discontinue operation of any appliance determined to be unsafe or non-compliant.

FUEL-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Natural Gas

- Natural gas-burning appliances must be located at least **10 feet** from all neighboring exhibit booths.
- Vented gas logs and fireplaces must have vent pipe extending at least **12 feet above the exhibit hall floor**. This requirement does not apply to vent-free hearth products or outdoor appliances.
- Each natural gas appliance must have a **readily accessible** gas shut-off valve located within **6 feet** of the appliance and within the exhibit space. The valve must be closed at the end of each business day.
- Exhibitors requesting natural gas service must submit the required natural gas connection order form to Music City Center. Order forms will be available in the HPBExpo27 Exhibitor Service Manual.
- Natural gas piping will be installed by Music City Center on a **first-ready, first-served basis**. Once appliances have been installed and are ready for connection, exhibitors must contact Music City Center plumbing personnel to schedule appliance connection(s) and leak testing. Exhibitors are responsible for providing all required appliance connectors and shut-off valves.
- Each approved natural gas appliance is limited to one gas connection. Natural gas connections may not be transferred between appliances. Only the appliance inspected and approved before show opening may be operated. Any requested appliance substitution must receive prior written approval from HPBA Show Management and Music City Center.

Alcohol/Ethanol Fuel

- Alcohol/ethanol fuel storage is limited to **2 gallons per 100 square feet** of exhibit space.
- Exhibitors requiring additional fuel storage may rent approved outdoor storage and fuel delivery service through the official General Service Contractor, Freeman, for an additional fee. Arrangements may be made onsite through the Freeman Exhibitor Service Desk.

These requirements are subject to change based on applicable fire codes, venue regulations, or operational needs. If revisions are made after publication, HPBA Show Management will notify affected exhibitors and publish updated requirements in the HPBExpo27 Exhibitor Service Manual.

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