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OUTDOOR BURNING REQUIREMENTS

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GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Approval and Documentation

- Exhibitors wishing to operate burning appliances in the Outdoor Burn Area must complete and submit an **Outdoor Burning Request Form**, including a drawing of the exhibit space showing all burning and/or cooking appliance locations, to HPBA Show Management no later than **December 1, 2026**.
- 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, including, but not limited to, wood-burning emissions regulations and safety 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 all applicable operational information. HPBA Show Management reserves the right to approve or deny any prototype at its sole discretion.
- All exhibitors operating burning appliances in the Outdoor Burn Area must obtain a **Certificate to Burn** from HPBA Show Management prior to show opening.

Booth Requirements

- Excessive storage of materials within exhibit space is prohibited. HPBA Show Management reserves the right to require removal of excessive storage materials.
- Combustible waste may not be stored within **30 feet** of any tent, canopy, or other structure.
- All entrances, exits, and access aisles must remain free of obstructions at all times.
- Exhibitor-supplied electrical generators are not permitted. Electrical service must be ordered through the official forms within the Exhibitor Service Manual.

Installation and Operation

- All appliance installations must comply with applicable fire codes, manufacturer specifications, and all required clearances to combustibles.
- Owner's manuals for all operating appliances must be available upon request during move-in, inspections, and show days.
- Exhibitors will be permitted access to the Outdoor Burn Area beginning at **7:30 a.m.** each show day to ensure appliances are operating properly before attendees enter the exhibit area.
- Operating appliances must be continuously attended by exhibit personnel whenever they are in operation.
- All fires must be completely extinguished at the conclusion of each show day.
- Ashes must be disposed of only in designated ash barrels. **Do not dispose of ashes in trash receptacles.**

Safety Requirements

- Each outdoor exhibit operating one or more burning 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. Additional extinguishers may be required to satisfy this distance requirement.

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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 and Music City Center reserve the right to require modification of any installation or discontinue operation of any appliance determined to be unsafe, non-compliant, or producing excessive smoke.

TENT AND CANOPY REQUIREMENTS

- Staking is not permitted in the Outdoor Burn Area surface. Tents and canopies must be secured using approved ballast, such as water barrels, jersey barriers, sandbags, or similar methods.
- All tents and canopies must be constructed of flame-retardant materials and bear certification meeting **NFPA 701** or **CPAI-84** requirements. Tents or canopies without proper certification may not be erected.
- HPBA Show Management will work with exhibitors to obtain any required tent permits.
- Outdoor fire pits must be operated outside of tents, canopies, and enclosed booth structures **while remaining entirely within the exhibitor's contracted exhibit space**.
- Fully enclosed exhibit structures must provide a minimum of **two clearly marked exits**.
- "No Smoking" signs must be conspicuously displayed inside every tent or canopy.

FUEL-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Propane

- HPBA Show Management will provide filled propane cylinders for approved exhibitors. Exhibitors are responsible for supplying the appropriate hoses and fittings required to connect their appliances.
- Propane cylinders in use must be properly secured.
- Spare propane cylinders may not be stored within exhibit space. Unused cylinders must be stored in the designated fuel storage area established by HPBA Show Management.
- Each propane appliance must have a **readily accessible**, approved shut-off valve located within **6 feet** of the appliance.
- Propane service must be shut off by the exhibitor at the conclusion of each show day.

Other Approved Fuels

- HPBA Show Management will supply and replenish propane, cord wood, pellet fuel, and charcoal for **exhibitors who requested fuel on their approved Outdoor Burning Request Form submitted by December 1, 2026**.

COOKING

Additional cooking requirements apply to exhibitors preparing or serving food. See the separate **HPBExpo27 Outdoor Cooking Requirements** document.

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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