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Procedure for the Use of Solid Alcohol Fuel Cans for Food Warming

A. Purpose

The purpose of this document is to establish the requirements and procedures for the use of solid alcohol fuel (Sternos, etc.) for warming prepared food to meet the requirements of the NJ Uniform Fire Code.

B. Scope

These guidelines apply to all personnel as well as outside vendors/caterers and visitors who may have to handle or use solid fuel food warming systems

C. Permit Required

Solid alcohol fuel use is permitted with the approval and issuance of a Type-1 Fire Safety Permit issued by the Morris County Fire Marshal's Office. Permit can be applied for by utilizing the **"Cooking Information"** application available at:

a. **https://www.morriscountynj.gov/Departments/Fire-Marshal**

D. Fire Extinguisher

An approved fire extinguisher (minimum 10lb ABC dry chemical) shall be available for use.

E. The use of chafing/heating dishes using solid alcohol fuel shall be commercial grade which contain a metal tray designed to contain the fuel can. **Lightweight (rack type, wire frame, etc.) food warmers are not permitted.**

PERMITTED



NOT PERMITTED



F. A flame-retardant tablecloth that covers the entire tabletop shall be utilized under any chafing/heating dishes. (Available for purchase at many online retailers).

Any questions shall be directed to firemarshal@co.morris.nj.us