



Cochise County Environmental Health

Commissary

Requirements for Mobile Food Units

What is a Commissary?

The commissary acts as the base of operations for the mobile food unit. The commissary must be a licensed food establishment in good standing with the Cochise County Health Department. Depending on the need of the vehicle, commissaries may have different services available. In general, commissaries are used to carry out the following services:

- Fresh Water Supply
- Gray Water Disposal
- Ware Washing Facilities
- Food Preparation
- Garbage Disposal
- Food Storage
- Chemical Storage

Each commissary is required to be constructed and operated in compliance with the requirement of the Cochise County Environmental Health Department. Some of the minimum requirements of a commissary include:

- Approved Floor, Wall, and Ceiling Surfaces
- Three - Compartment Sink
- Handwash Sink
- Service Sink
- ANSI Approved Equipment
- Approved Food Preparation Area
- Toilet Room Facilities.

A Plan Review must be completed and approved on all new commissaries within Cochise County.

Please contact Cochise County Environmental Health for Plan Review Forms and requirements.

Commissary Agreements

A mobile food unit must have a signed commissary agreement form on file with Cochise County Environmental Health at the time of initial permitting and at license renewal (annually). Please contact Cochise County Environmental Health to obtain Commissary Agreement Forms. Please be aware that each commissary agreement will be verified to ensure the facility is able to provide your mobile food establishment with the services needed.

Commissary Log Sheets

Cochise County Environmental Health requires each Mobile Food Unit Operator AND Commissary Operator to maintain a log of each visit to the approved commissary. The log must be written in permanent, waterproof ink, and maintained within the mobile food unit at all times. Please contact Cochise County Environmental Health to obtain approved commissary log sheets.

Commissary Inspections

Cochise County Environmental Health will inspect each commissary as part of the mobile food unit routine inspection. Designated space must be clearly identified for each mobile food unit within the commissary for refrigeration, freezer, and dry storage areas.