



County of San Diego

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COMPACT MOBILE FOOD OPERATION HOME STORAGE – ZONING REQUIREMENTS

The Department of Environmental Health and Quality, Food and Housing Division (DEHQ-FHD) is responsible for evaluating and approving the use of a private home to store a permitted Compact Mobile Food Operation (CMFO). The CMFO owner is responsible for complying with any other local requirements in the city where the CMFO will be stored. Any specific storage requirements for the different jurisdictions in San Diego County are listed below along with contact information for each jurisdiction should operators have any additional questions.

Jurisdiction	Requirements	Phone Number
Unincorporated County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carts may not be visible from the exterior of the property 	(858) 565-5920
Carlsbad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carts may not be visible from the exterior of the property • Carts may not impact current parking allowances that would cause the elimination of off-street parking 	(760) 602-2495
Chula Vista	None	(619) 585-5624
Coronado	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carts may not be visible from the exterior of the property • Carts may not impact current parking allowances that would cause the elimination of off-street parking • Cart must be operated by the occupant of the home 	(619) 522-7320
Del Mar	None	(858) 755-9313 ext. 1184 Les Middleton
El Cajon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carts (equipment) are not able to be stored at the dwelling or outside of the dwelling 	(619) 441-1668
Encinitas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carts may not be visible from the exterior of the property • Cart must be operated by the owner of the home • Carts may not impact current parking allowances that would cause the elimination of off-street parking 	(760) 633-2708
Escondido	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carts may not be visible from the exterior of the property • Carts may not impact the required two covered parking spaces for the residence • Washing of equipment must be done to prevent wastewater discharge to the storm sewer system 	(760) 839-4306 Paul Bingham
Imperial Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carts may not impact current minimum parking requirements • Carts should not be leaking any oil/grease to prevent any illegal discharges into the storm water conveyance system • Washing of carts must be done in a grass area 	(619) 628-1356 Reyna Ayala
La Mesa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No outdoor storage of carts is allowed • Carts may not impact the required parking spaces for the residence 	(619) 667-1177
Lemon Grove	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carts may not be visible from the exterior of the property • Cart must be operated by the owner of the home • Operation shall not disturb the peace, quiet, and comfort of neighboring residents 	(619) 825-3812 Michael Fellows
National City	None	(619) 336-4341 Adella Salazar

Oceanside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carts may not be visible from the exterior of the property • No outdoor storage of carts is allowed • Carts may not impact the required two parking spaces for the residence 	(760) 435-3881 Christy Hernandez
Poway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cart may not have business name or advertising on it if in public view • Cart can be parked in the driveway or on the side of the driveway • Cart cannot be parked in front yard (in front of house) or within a landscaped area • If cart displays business name or advertising, it must be stored out of public view (within garage or behind a fence) 	(858) 668-4401
San Diego	None	(619) 615-1500
San Marcos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carts are not able to be stored at the dwelling or outside of the dwelling 	(760) 744-1050 ext. 3101 Shauna Vuoti
Santee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No outdoor storage of carts is allowed 	(619) 258-4100 ext. 146 Tanya Espinola
Solana Beach	None	(858) 720-2442 Patricia Bluman
Vista	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carts are not able to be stored at the dwelling or outside of the dwelling 	(760) 643-5394 Chris Winters