



West Manatee Fire & Rescue District
Fire & Life Safety Prevention Bureau
“Excellence through Engineering, Education & Enforcement”

**Regarding Inspection & Cleaning
of Commercial Hood Systems**

Dear WMFRD Customer,

Each year, on average, in the United States there are over 8,000 fires at restaurants that cause over \$245 million in property damage. Keeping your hood system properly maintained will go a long way in reducing these devastating numbers. Florida Fire Prevention Code (FFPC) 7th ed., 50.5.4 states, “The entire exhaust system shall be inspected for grease buildup by a properly trained, qualified, and certified person(s) acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ).”

Furthermore, FFPC 50.5.6.1 states, “If upon inspection, the exhaust system is found to be contaminated with deposits from grease-laden vapors, the contaminated portions of the exhaust system shall be cleaned by a properly trained, qualified and certified person(s) acceptable to the AHJ.”

West Manatee Fire Rescue District, your local AHJ, currently recognizes hood inspections and cleaning services performed by companies with certification by one of the following national credentialing agency's: International Kitchen Exhaust Cleaning Association (**IKECA**), Certified National Hood Cleaning Association (**CNHCA**), MFS trade School, Phil Ackland Kitchen Hood Cleaning School & Certified Hood & Duct Cleaners Association (**CHDCA**).

The following vendors (in no particular order) have been vetted by our office and confirmed they hold certifications from one of the aforementioned credentialing agency's:

1. Taylor High Pressure (941-545-9079)
2. Grease Busters Inc. (941-351-7077)
3. Danial Efanta Hood Cleaning (941-914-8328)
4. VIRO (800-325-8476)
5. Hood Cleaning Hero's (941-400-1784)
6. Southwest Cleaning & Virus Disinfection (941-204-0801)

If you have been using or desire to use anyone other than those on our list, please have them contact our office for proper screening prior to using them for your next cleaning. Using an uncertified vendor is tantamount to noncompliance. We are making every effort to protect your business and public safety. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at your convenience.

Best Regards,

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