Commercial kitchen suppression preparation

Use between the semiannual service visits for your hood fire-suppression system, and to prepare for them. Reference standard: NFPA 96 (commercial cooking ventilation) and NFPA 17A (wet chemical systems). Building: _____ Date: _____ Observer: _____

Observe and record only. Do not operate valves, pull stations, test switches, pumps, releasing devices or control-panel buttons. If something looks wrong, write it down and call your fire protection contractor or fire code official. In an emergency, call 911.

Owner observations

Owner observation	OK	Issue	Notes
Manual pull station is visible, unobstructed and clearly marked.	☐	☐	
Nozzle blow-off caps are in place; nozzles and detection links are not caked with grease (note it — do not clean or adjust them).	☐	☐	
Cooking appliances have not been moved, swapped or added under the hood since the last service — changes require the system to be re-evaluated.	☐	☐	
Grease filters are in place, the right type, and not visibly overloaded.	☐	☐	
Class K extinguisher is present near the cooking line (generally within 30 ft) with its signage.	☐	☐	
Service tag shows the last semiannual inspection within 6 months.	☐	☐	

Before the service visit

- Schedule outside cooking hours; appliances off and cool, and food covered or stored.
- Clear access to the hood, the system cylinder or control box, and the gas shutoff valve.
- The contractor coordinates monitoring-company notification if the system is tied to the fire alarm.
- Have the hood-cleaning report available; exhaust cleaning frequency depends on cooking volume.

Qualified personnel only

- Semiannual inspection and service, fusible-link replacement, cylinder and agent checks, and any system reset after discharge.
- Hood and duct cleaning by a qualified cleaning contractor.

Frequencies are plain-English summaries of the referenced NFPA standards as commonly adopted; editions and local amendments vary. Keep your contractor's official inspection, testing and maintenance reports — this sheet does not replace them.