

FAQ's - Frequently Asked Questions

How does payment work?

Your food is invoiced through Edenopolis. Staffing including servers, bartenders, and chef assistants are sent through Top Shelf Staffing. Final hours are calculated the day after your event.

Do you offer bartending services?

We have a basic BYOB package where we can hire bartenders for you, and arrange bar rentals, ice delivery, and non-alcoholic beverages to be delivered directly to you. We do not transport beverages. If you would like a full service cocktail experience, we can get you a quote from one of our beverage partners.

What are your wedding policies?

We do not charge an increased fee or cost per person for wedding catering. We require you to have a wedding planner, and we do not offer wedding planning. We do not offer wedding tastings, but we can send a private chef to your residence to cook your menu for a fee. We are not held responsible for any outside vendors at your wedding besides staffing and rentals.

How long does it take to set up?

All events need a minimum of three to four hours to set up. If your service time is at 6PM for example, we would arrive outside at 1:30 to unload our truck and to get inside. By 2PM we would unload everything at the various areas in your event, and have 3 to 3.5 hours to set up your feasting table, canapes, and main courses. Additional time may be needed if fresh food is being cooked on site.

How will you deal with my unique venue?

Each venue is different, and so are the policies of those spaces. Please put us in contact with the person in charge of your space, so we can get your COI issued with our insurance on time, as well as handle logistical challenges. Some venues are very strict, and only allow caterers to come right before the event, in which case we would not be able to offer certain items to you. We have catered in some of the most challenging spaces, including A list celebrity homes, Central Park, World Trade 1, and many more. Some venues require additional insurance which we do not offer, which is why it is important to deal with this before deposits are placed.

Are you fully insured?

Edenopolis LLC is fully insured and holds a 2 million dollar policy. Any additional insurance that your venue needs can be purchased if needed. Our staff are insured by Top Shelf Staffing LLC and have workers compensation and disability as well as their own liability insurance. Our food is prepared in our own private certified facility at 35 Meadow street in Brooklyn. Feel free to come say hi!

Do you need a deposit to secure our date?

Deposits and payment schedules depend on the size and scope of your event. Some smaller events do not require a deposit until three days before, while others one month ahead. Although we often cater several events at a time, some events need our full attention because of size or complexity. In those cases, a deposit is required to secure the date and ensure that we do not offer it to someone else.

Do you deliver pre cooked food?

Our kitchen is cold prep only. We do not pre cook any food, but instead cook everything freshly on site with either rented equipment or your on site kitchen. We prepare fresh, private chef quality food for events of any size. All prep is fully done and organized upon arriving at your event. Marination, pickling, chopping, washing, and everything else is done ahead of time. Baking, frying, grilling, or boiling is done on site.

What do you do with leftovers?

This all starts with a talk with the client. Some people want to keep all the food for a party the next day, some want it to be donated. We have connections to homeless shelters, fire houses (with hungry firefighters), and lots of hungry staff! We always bring ziplock bags and aluminum trays to pack up leftovers. We hate throwing food away!

How do you offer so many different menus?

My wife Eve and I travel around the world every year during the winter researching home cooked food from around the world. We also approach catering in the same way as a private chef. The same attention to detail, and each menu/event is completely unique. We make sure that logistics are thought of first, so that we have everything we need for flawless service.

For the tables, can we pick as many things as we want?

Yes you can! Please keep in mind that the amount of food per weight does not change. If you increase the amount of cheeses/meats or desserts/fruits on the table, we will decrease the amounts of each, so that there is not way too much food. If we think you are picking too many items, we will let you know. Too many options can be overwhelming for your guests!

How do we design our menu?

However you would like! If you want to have input please talk to chef Richard on the phone or over email to express your food wishes, likes and dislikes. We can then make a menu for you based on your requests. You can also visit our menu page to pick one of our pre-fix menus.

How do you know how much food to bring?

We aim to have roughly 10% more than can be consumed by your guests. Everything we order is done by weight. For example, for appetizers we estimate 3 oz of meat and 4 oz of cheese per person, but for main courses it is 1/2 LB of protein per person. We try our best to be as transparent as possible about our ordering, please ask us for more details!

Do you offer event planning services?

Although we are always here to help connect you to one of our amazing vendor partners, we do not do event planning. We focus on the food, staffing, and rentals. We are here to plan with you about your rental order through our partner Party Rental LTD, and make sure it is perfect. We are also here to make sure you have the correct amount of staff you need, and that they are managed properly. Things outside of that scope, including wedding planning and complex logistics of entertainment vendors we do not have the capacity to manage.

How far in advance should we book you?

This really depends on the size and scope of your event. For larger events over two to three hundred guests, we recommend over a month ahead, to ensure that you get the date you are requesting, as we typically do not cater more than one large event per day. For smaller at home dinner parties you can usually wait until a few weeks ahead, as we can manage multiple on the same day. You can always request a "soft hold" on a date ahead of time with no financial commitment, and we will let you know if someone else requests it.