

Chef's Deal Highlights Year-End Equipment Planning for Foodservice Operators

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Chef's Deal is encouraging foodservice operators to use the fourth-quarter capital-equipment planning window to review aging equipment, finalize remaining 2026 budgets, and schedule delivery and installation before the close of the year. The guidance is directed at independent restaurant owners, managers, and multi-unit operators weighing whether to replace or upgrade kitchen equipment while time remains in the current tax year.

The timing matters because of how the federal tax code treats equipment placed in service. Section 179 of the federal tax code allows eligible businesses to deduct the cost of qualifying equipment in the year it is placed in service, instead of depreciating it over several years. For tax years beginning in 2026, the deduction limit is $2,560,000, with a phase-out beginning at $4,090,000 in total qualifying purchases, according to IRS Revenue Procedure 2025-32. For calendar-year businesses, equipment generally must be placed in service, meaning installed and ready for use, by December 31, 2026. Ordering or paying for equipment alone is not enough to meet that standard.

Because installation timing drives eligibility, Chef's Deal is pointing operators toward several practical planning considerations. These include assessing equipment nearing the end of its service life ahead of high-volume winter and holiday periods, and allowing for delivery, installation, and utility hookup lead times so that equipment can be fully in service before the end of the tax year. Operators are also advised to align purchases with remaining annual budgets and to consult a tax professional early to confirm eligibility. Chef's Deal carries in-stock inventory across its Nashville and Murfreesboro locations, which can help shorten lead times for operators working against a year-end timeline.

For operators managing cash flow across the planning period, financed equipment can still qualify under Section 179, and Chef's Deal offers equipment financing options through third-party partners. Eligibility for any deduction depends on individual circumstances, and operators should consult a qualified tax professional before making purchasing or tax decisions. Additional company updates are shared through Chef's Deal on Facebook.

Matthew Yaz, Chief Executive Officer of Chef's Deal Restaurant Equipment, said the planning window is often overlooked until a breakdown forces a decision. "Operators who plan equipment decisions in the fall typically have more choice and less disruption than those replacing equipment in an emergency," Yaz said. "Lead times for delivery, installation, and utility hookup are real factors, and starting early gives a kitchen the schedule it needs. Operators should also speak with their tax advisor to understand how timing applies to their own situation."

Chef's Deal Restaurant Equipment Store has served the foodservice industry since 2003 and ranks among the largest restaurant equipment stocking dealers in Nashville and the surrounding areas. The company is headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee, with an additional location in Murfreesboro, and serves restaurants, cafés, food trucks, schools, healthcare facilities, and hospitality operators. It carries equipment from more than 400 manufacturers, provides local delivery across Tennessee and nearby regions with its own fleet of trucks, and offers reliable shipping across the continental United States. The company also provides free consultation, layout, and design services, along with a price match guarantee.

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