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Edison's says its twelve signature flavors are always available as scoops and pints, and it also serves signature flavors between thick homemade cookie crusts. Gelato & aMore says gelato is served with a flat metal spade that shapes the dense gelato, in contrast with the rounded scoop seen at most ice-cream shops. The same operator says gelato is served warmer than traditional ice cream, ideally between 10 and 22 degrees Fahrenheit. Culver's says its frozen custard is slow-churned in small restaurant batches, with vanilla extract added before the custard maker forms a smooth ribbon. Culver's also says one batch makes 60 to 70 scoops and is served at 18 to 21 degrees.

REPORTED · CULVER'S CUSTARD PROCESS · EDISON'S FLAVORS · GELATO & AMORE FORMAT GUIDE

Edison's describes its core group as twelve reinvented nostalgic flavors that are always available for scoops and pints. The company also says its signature flavors are sandwiched between thick homemade cookie crusts. Its sandwich list names Classic, Strawberry Shortcake, Lemon Bar, and Double Oreo. The menu marks Classic and Double Oreo with GF. It marks Strawberry Shortcake and Lemon Bar with both GF and DF on its published ice-cream sandwich list.

REPORTED · EDISON'S FLAVORS

Gelato & aMore lists its address as 1720 West Mulberry Street, Suite A1, Fort Collins, Colorado. Its gelato section names Vanilla, Chocolate, Coffee, Strawberry, Hazelnut, Caramel, Coconut, and Passionfruit. The menu displays \$9.00+ beneath Vanilla and repeats that same displayed starting

price beneath Chocolate, Coffee, Strawberry, Hazelnut, Caramel, Coconut, and Passionfruit. All eight names and all eight displayed prices appear under the operator's Gelato heading.

REPORTED · GELATO & AMORE MENU

Gelato & aMore says ice cream and gelato both contain milk, cream, and sugar, while gelato tends to contain more milk than cream. The business says gelato is served with a flatter metal spade that shapes the dense gelato, contrasting it with the rounded scoop seen at most ice-cream shops. It also says gelato is stored and served warmer than traditional ice cream, which it describes as stored at zero degrees, and gives an ideal gelato range of 10 to 22 degrees Fahrenheit. The operator attributes a softer bite and more pronounced flavor to that warmer temperature.

REPORTED · GELATO & AMORE FORMAT GUIDE

Culver's says its frozen custard is slow-churned in the restaurant in small batches prepared multiple times a day. Its process description lists 1.4 percent pasteurized egg and more than 10 percent butterfat. The company attributes the custard's thicker, creamier texture relative to hard-packed ice cream to slow freezing that mixes in hardly any air bubbles. Culver's says one batch equals 60 to 70 scoops and is served at 18 to 21 degrees. It also describes vanilla extract being added to the dairy before the custard maker starts and a smooth ribbon of frozen custard takes shape. The operator says those small batches are prepared multiple times each day.

REPORTED · CULVER'S CUSTARD PROCESS

Three formats. One reported comparison. No ranking.

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Operator labels are a starting point: read the current menu and ask staff about preparation when dietary or allergy needs matter. - Original illustration for Ice Cream Fort Collins, generated with OpenAI imagegen; art direction by Ice Cream Fort Collins.

VISUAL SERVICE · LOCAL FIELD GUIDE

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Edison's signature list names Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough, Double OREO, Essential Vanilla, Essential Chocolate, German Chocolate Brownie, Lemon Bar, Mint OREO, No-Bake Cookie, Orange-Infused Olive Oil, Salted Honey, Sea Salt Peanut Butter Cup, and Strawberry Shortcake. The menu places GF beside all twelve names. It also places DF beside Essential Chocolate, Lemon Bar, Mint OREO, No-Bake Cookie, and Strawberry Shortcake. The business keeps a separate limited-recipe section, describes those recipes as unique, says they'll leave customers wanting more, and says they are available only for a limited time. That section also tells customers to get them while they can. GF, DF, signature, and limited are the operator's menu labels.

REPORTED · EDISON'S FLAVORS

Ben & Jerry's uses the heading Non-Dairy (Oat Milk). Under that heading, it describes Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough as vanilla non-dairy frozen dessert with chocolate-chip-cookie-dough pieces and fudge flakes. It marks Key Lime Pie as new and describes it as key-lime non-dairy frozen dessert with thick graham-cracker swirls. Elsewhere in the same menu, the operator lists Flavors, Pints, Sundaes, Shakes, Sorbet Slushes, and Ice Cream Bars as menu families. Non-Dairy (Oat Milk) is the menu's own heading for the two named examples, and both appear beneath that heading.

REPORTED · BEN & JERRY'S MENU

Ben & Jerry's says its locally owned and operated Old Town Square shop has 20+ flavors. The shop page explicitly characterizes the selection as smooth, chunky, and swirly, says it has a flavor for everyone, and also uses the terms dairy-free, no-gluten-added, and vegan. It says flavors can be scooped into cups or freshly baked waffle cones, or blended into a shake. The operator also says an ice-cream cake can be customized with two favorite flavors and that the shop caters. In its FAQ, the operator says it has a variety of no-gluten-added flavors and asks customers to tell the team their preferences.

REPORTED · BEN & JERRY'S FORT COLLINS

The fast road from cart to parlor—and the older room around it

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An interpretive cart-to-parlor timeline inspired by saved company and city-history sources; not a real storefront or historical scene. - Original illustration for Ice Cream Fort Collins, generated with OpenAI imagegen; art direction by Ice Cream Fort Collins.

A company timeline. A city archive.

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Edison's says founder Nate Frary started the business from a desire to strengthen family bonds after recognizing that sharing ice cream was a cherished activity for his family of five. The company dates the beginning of its cart to 2024 and says it envisioned the black-and-white cart as a symbol of ice cream and nostalgia throughout Fort Collins. Edison's says the cart expanded to offer packages for private events and catering. It also says it provides an experience at community events throughout Northern Colorado.

REPORTED · EDISON'S COMPANY STORY

Edison's says it established twelve signature flavors by the end of 2024, inspired by reinvented nostalgic ice cream and childhood treats. The company also says it sold pints for local pickup from its Fort Collins production kitchen with the goal of introducing Edison's to the community. Edison's says it opened its first ice-cream parlor inside the Northern Hotel in 2025. The business

describes the interior as inspired by 1950s ice-cream parlors and designed to embrace the building's history with what it calls new nostalgia.

REPORTED · EDISON'S OLD TOWN · EDISON'S COMPANY STORY

The Fort Collins history record identifies the Northern Hotel as the former Commercial Hotel across from the Orpheum Theatre. It says the hotel was remodeled in 1905 with eighty rooms, including suites, and a large dining room beneath a leaded-art-glass dome. Another entry describes a tinted glass dome arching twenty feet across the center of the main dining-room ceiling. The record says owners William Brantmeyer and William Stark learned of the dome after workers uncovered it in 1971 and that Brantmeyer intended to retain the exposed glass vault during remodeling. Edison's says it opened its first parlor inside the Northern Hotel in 2025 and designed the interior to embrace the building's history.

REPORTED · EDISON'S OLD TOWN · FORT COLLINS HISTORY CONNECTION

Source coverage

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Edison's origin and design descriptions are attributed company statements; Northern Hotel details come from the Fort Collins History Connection record. · The image is an original conceptual illustration, not a photograph of Nate Frary, the cart, the parlor, or the Northern Hotel.

Three stops, three different kinds of hours check

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Edison's lists its address as 172 N. College Ave., Unit A1, Fort Collins, CO 80524. Its published schedule lists Monday as closed. It gives noon to 10 p.m. for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; noon to 11 p.m. for Friday and Saturday; and noon to 10 p.m. for Sunday. The listed address, unit, city, state, ZIP code, closed day, and daily time blocks all come from Edison's own shop page.

REPORTED · EDISON'S OLD TOWN

Ben & Jerry's lists its address as 1 Old Town Square, Suite 104, Fort Collins, CO 80524. The shop page labels 970-407-0899 as the shop number and 720-383-4193 as the catering number. Those are two separately labeled contacts on the operator's page. For timing, the operator says its hours adjust with the seasons and suggests checking Google or its website before heading over. The seasonal-hours statement and check-before-heading-over instruction are Ben & Jerry's own published guidance.

REPORTED · BEN & JERRY'S FORT COLLINS

Culver's lists its Fort Collins restaurant at 918 S. Lemay Avenue and pairs that address with 970-493-3639. Its location page states that restaurant hours vary by location. Ben & Jerry's separately says its hours adjust with the seasons and directs readers to Google or its website before heading over. Edison's prints a weekly schedule on its own page: Monday closed, Tuesday through Thursday noon to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday noon to 11 p.m., and Sunday noon to 10 p.m.

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