



TEMPORARY FOOD EVENT NO PERMIT REQUIRED!

There are certain foods that do not need a temporary food event permit or exemption from the Lincoln County Health Department because they are exempt from the Washington State Retail Food Code.

You are not required to contact us for the following food items:

Commercially pre-packaged, non-TCS* foods

These foods remain in the original packaging. Examples: candy bars, canned soda, bottled water, chips, crackers, etc.



Establishments regulated by the WA State Dept. of Agriculture or USDA

An establishment does not require a permit when it is a food processing plant, cottage food operation or other establishment for activities regulated by the WA State Dept. of Agriculture or the USDA and does not do any retail sales of TCS* foods.

Commercially produced, ready-to-eat, non-TCS* foods

These foods must be served from their original package without direct hand contact by the vendor or customer, with limited portioning, and into sanitary single-use articles. Examples: premixed soda, powdered creamer, pretzels, cookies, doughnuts, cake, meat jerky



Non-TCS* hot beverages

These foods are served directly into sanitary single-use articles. Only powdered cream or commercially pre-proportioned ultra-pasteurized creamers may be used.



Bulk, dry, non-ready-to-eat, non-TCS* foods

Examples: dry beans, raw dry grains, in-shell nuts, coffee beans, tea leaves, or herbs for tea.

Bake Sales

Non-TCS* baked goods can be prepared in home kitchens and offered for sale or service by nonprofit organizations operating for religious, charitable, or educational purposes. The baked goods must be wrapped or packaged in a sanitary manner. Signage or a placard must be prominently displayed stating the baked goods were prepared in a home kitchen that is not inspected by a regulatory authority. No TCS foods such as cheesecake, pumpkin pie, cream pies, lemon meringue pie and other foods requiring refrigeration are allowed at a bake sale without a permit.

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You are not required to contact us for the following food items:

Commercially produced and pre-packaged frozen confections

These foods remain in the original packaging. Examples: ice cream bars, popcicles, etc.



Potlucks

Potlucks where the people attending are expected to bring food to share and there is no charge for either the food or beverages do not require a permit. The event also must not be open to or advertised to the general public.

Unwashed and uncut non-TCS foods, fruits, fresh herbs, and vegetables

This does not include sprouts.



Lemonade or other non-TCS, nonalcoholic beverages

These beverages must be prepared without bare-hand contact, sold and served into a single use cup by a person under the age of 18. Operation must be less than 30 calendar days a year. This does not include events.



Bed & Breakfast operations

A bed and breakfast operation that prepares and offers food to guests does not need a permit if the home is owner-occupied, the number of available guest bedrooms does not exceed two, breakfast is the only meal offered, and the consumer is informed in published advertisements, mailed brochures, and placards posted at the registration area that the food is prepared in a kitchen that is not regulated or inspected by the regulatory authority.

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All conditions listed must be met to be exempt from the permit or exemption requirements.



If you have questions or plan to offer any food that is not listed on this document, please contact the Lincoln County Health Department.



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