



NAVAJO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT

TEMPORARY FOOD SERVICE

SANITATION GUIDELINES

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Temporary Food Service Establishment

- This information is to help concessionaires, demonstrators, and temporary food vendors to set up and operate in a sanitary and healthful manner and to minimize the possibility of foodborne illness.
- A temporary food service establishment is a food establishment that operates at a fixed location for a period of time not more than 14 consecutive days in conjunction with a single event or celebration, such as Fairs, parades, public exhibitions, festivals, fundraisers, or similar transitory gatherings.
- To avoid an inconveniences or problems, you are encouraged to contact the Navajo County Public Health Services District as early as possible before participating in a food event.

Food Source

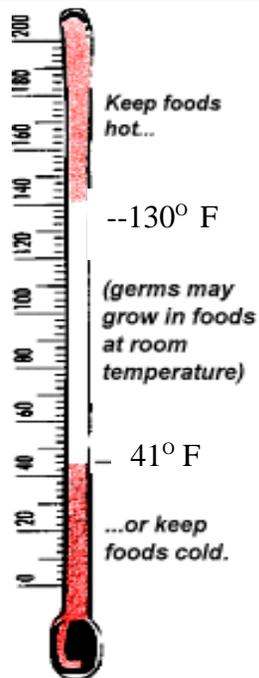
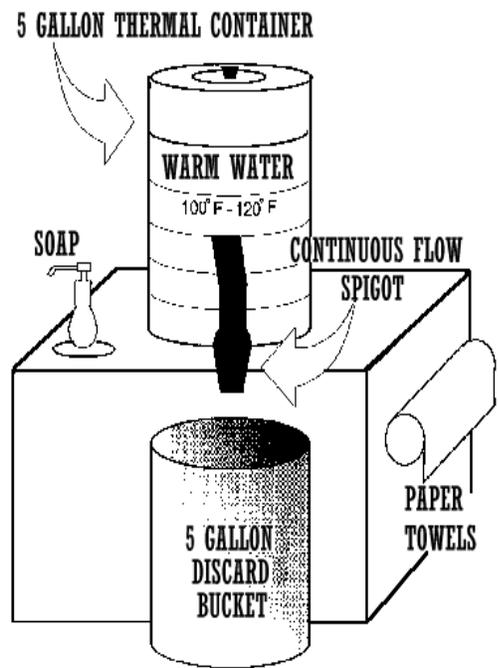
- All foods must be from an approved source. Home canned and home prepared foods, ice cream made at home, raw milk, or storage of foods at private homes are not allowed. Any food prepared outside the booth must be prepared in an approved facility. (Approved facilities are restaurants, kitchens, and food establishments that are permitted by the Navajo County Public Health Services District.
- Food may be prepared at the temporary food booth assuming that the preparation is very simple. Example: hot dogs, hamburgers, etc. Grills or other cooking equipment may be located outside to comply with local fire codes.

Booth Construction

- Floors – Should be water-tight, smooth, nonabsorbent, and durable. Example: tight-grain wood, sheet vinyl, concrete, blacktop, etc.)
- Ceiling – Shall be wind resistant, waterproof and extend over all food preparation, storage, and service areas.
- Walls (3 full sides) – Should be constructed so they can be quickly, effectively, and securely closed against undesirable condition. Example: wind, rain, dust, flies, etc.
- Counter – Should be smooth, cleanable, nonabsorbent surface. Enclose booth from the bottom of the front service counter down to the ground. Use the front for food service only.

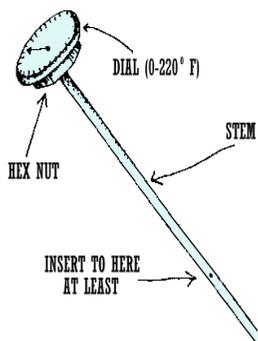
Handwashing / Personal Hygiene

- 5 Gallon container of warm (90° F) water
- Soap dispenser
- Paper towels
- 5 Gallon container to collect waste water
- Be sure that the water dispenser has a spigot or similar device that can allow a continuous flow of water. **Even with the use of disposable gloves, hand sanitizers, or “sanitizing wipes”, all of which are helpful, frequent and thorough handwashing remains essential for preventing food borne illnesses.**
- Food handlers are not to smoke, eat, or drink in the food booth. Hands are to be washed upon entering the booth and as necessary to keep them clean for food handling.
- Nobody who shows symptoms of a communicable disease—cramps, nausea, fever, vomiting, diarrhea, jaundice, etc.—or one who has open sores or infected cuts on the hands should be permitted inside the food booth.



Food Temperatures

- Potentially Hazardous Food shall mean any food which consists in whole or in part of milk or milk products, eggs, meat, poultry, fish, shellfish, all cut melon, or other material or synthetic ingredients capable of supporting rapid and progressive growth of infectious or toxigenic microorganisms. Examples are hamburgers, tacos, hot dogs, spaghetti, and chili. Cooked rice, potatoes, and bean are also considered to be potentially hazardous because they will support rapid bacterial growth. All potentially hazardous foods must be cooked to an internal temperature as follows:
 - Poultry, Stuffed Meats, Stuffings containing meat.....165° F
 - Ground Beef.....155° F
 - Whole Meats and Fish.....145° F
 - All other potentially hazardous foods.....130° F
- Reheating- All potentially hazardous foods that have been cooked and then cooled, shall be rapidly reheated to 165° F or more throughout within 30 minutes, before being served or placed in a hot food storage unit. Crock pots, steam tables, or hot holding units are not approved for cooking or reheating of foods.
- Thawing- Foods are to be thawed in a refrigerated unit at temperatures not to exceed 41° F, under cold running water, or in the microwave as a continuous cooking process.
- Holding- Potentially hazardous foods must be stored at temperatures below 41° F or above 130° F at all times, except during immediate preparation.
- Thermometers- A metal-stem cooking thermometer must be available and used to verify proper temperatures and internal food temperatures. Obtain a thermometer which reads from 0 to 220° F. All refrigerators and other cold holding devices must also have an accurate thermometer.



Sanitizing/Dishwashing

- Sanitizer- Sanitizing solution used in dishwashing and in wiping cloth buckets must be maintained at proper concentrations at all times(unless the manufacturer's guidelines are provided and specify otherwise).
Chlorine.....50 to 100 parts per million
Iodine.....12.5 - 25 parts per million
Quaternary Ammonia.....200 to 450 PPM (or per manufacturer)
- If you choose to use bleach as sanitizer, the recommended concentration is ½ tablespoon of unscented liquid bleach added to 1 gallon of water. Do not add soap to the water, because the soap “ties” up the available chlorine making it ineffective as sanitizer. Sanitizers must be labeled as such and be provided with the manufacturer's use guidelines. Chemical test strips are required to verify the proper concentrations are reached and maintained. Store all chemicals “low and away” from foods.
- Wiping cloths/towels used for wiping down counters and table tops must be clean and used for no other purpose. The towels must be rinsed in sanitizing solution frequently.
Note: It has been found that flies will avoid surfaces which have been wiped down with bleach solution.
- Dishwashing- Use disposable cups and plates for food service. Keep your hands off the food contact surfaces and never re-use a single service item. Use 3 adequately sized (fits your largest cooking utensil) containers, plastic buss tubs work very well. Wash equipment and utensils in a four step process:
 1. Wash.....HOT (110⁰F) SOAPY WATER
 2. Rinse.....HOT WATER
 3. Sanitize.....WARM (75⁰F) WATER, Proper sanitizer concentration
 4. Air Dry

Food Protection

- All food must be stored at least 6 inches off the ground and covered to prevent contamination. Foods and utensils must be covered to protect from insects, droplets, and manual contact.
- Foods on display must be covered and the public not allowed to help themselves to opened containers. Condiments, such as ketchup, mustard, coffee creamer, sugar, and so forth, should be served in individual packets.
- Ice must be obtained from an approved and licensed source. Ice must be transported and stored in a clean food-grade container. Appropriate dispensing devices consist of a scoop with a handle that is not to come in contact with the food. Ice used for cold holding of bottles, cans, and foods must not be used in beverages.

Waste/Garbage

- Liquid waste should not be discarded into streets or storm drains, or onto the ground. Use a container to transport the waste to a toilet or other sewer connection.
- A refuse container with a tight-fitting lid should be available for the garbage.

REMEMBER: Any questions should be directed to the Navajo County Public Health Services District.



Checklist for Temporary Food Service

- _____ 5 Gallon container to provide warm (90° F) running water for handwashing.
Example: insulated “thermos” w/ continuous flow spigot.
- _____ Dispensable soap (Pump) and paper towels
- _____ Extra buckets for waste water for handwash waste and sanitizer solution.
- _____ Approved floor, ceiling, counter, and 3 walls.
- _____ Cloth wiping towels.
- _____ Hair restraints.
- _____ Ice, as needed from an approved source.
- _____ Ice chests.
- _____ Gloves, serving spoons, spatulas, knives, tongs, ice scoop, cutting boards etc.
- _____ Bleach or other type of sanitizer solution.
- _____ Plastic wrap for covering foods.
- _____ Washable, food grade, containers for food storage.
- _____ Platforms for elevating food and paper goods from the ground.
- _____ Garbage can and plastic garbage bags
- _____ Sneeze Guards
- _____ Metal Stem Thermometer (0° F – 220° F)
- _____ Thermometers for refrigerator, ice chest, and hot holding units
- _____ Confirmed source for fresh water, waste water disposal, and restrooms.
- _____ 3 Tubs for ware-washing: large enough to fully submerge largest utensil.