

Department of Health and Human Services

Environmental Health Program

155 N. First Ave, MS 5, Suite 170

Hillsboro, OR 97124

Telephone: 503-846-8722 Fax: 503-846-3705

WashCoFoodSafety.com



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

License Exemptions Frequently Asked Questions

Many groups and individuals want to know what they can and can't sell at events, bazaars, and similar venues. Below is information from the Oregon Department of Agriculture regarding food regulations. For a complete list of exempt activities/foods please see OAR 333-150-0000, Section 1-201.10, definition for "Food establishment does not include". For specific questions, please contact Washington County Environmental Health at 503-846-8722.

What foods are exempt from licensing?

The following are exempt from licensing if sold in individual-sized portions for immediate consumption only (not wholesale).

- Candy, candied apples, and non-potentially hazardous* confections
- Commercially prepackaged ice cream and frozen desserts sold in individual servings
- Commercially pickled products
- Commercially processed jerky, nuts, nutmeats, and popcorn
- Prepackaged foods such as potato chips, pretzels, and crackers
- Unopened commercially bottled and canned non-potentially hazardous* beverages, including alcoholic beverages
- Coffee and tea with non-potentially hazardous ingredients
- Non-potentially hazardous* hot or cold beverages, prepared from individually packaged powdered mixes and commercially bottled water, excluding fresh squeezed juice
- Non-potentially hazardous* foods or beverages provided by a non-food service business or organization at no charge
- Other food items as determined by the Oregon Health Authority or ODA

The following food items are exempt if served for immediate consumption at an event and are obtained from a licensed food service, or processing establishment, or prepared onsite.

- Non-potentially hazardous* baked goods
- Privately donated breads, rolls, pies, cakes, doughnuts, or other pastries not having potentially hazardous (time/temperature control for safety) fillings, served by a benevolent organization. Additional examples include jam, candy or mixing and packaging bean soup mix to raise funds for a non-profit organization
 - Public notice must be posted that states: "Notice: Food served at this location may not have been inspected by the regulatory authority."
- Personal chef who prepares food for an individual or private party

**Non-potentially hazardous foods are foods that do not require time/temperature control for safety (TCS).*