



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH County of Riverside

INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN NO. 4-06-DES

DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DIVISION

FOOD VENDING OPERATIONS FOR SWAP MEETS

Preparation and retail sale of food at swap meets is limited according to the permit categories below.

All foods shall be from an approved source. Operators may be required to provide invoices or other documents to verify source and packaging. All operators shall possess and conspicuously display a valid Environmental Health Permit and a decal for all vehicles and food carts.

NON-PREPACKAGED MOBILE FOOD FACILITIES

- Only certain approved non-prepackaged foods requiring limited preparation and prepackaged foods can be sold from these carts. Open foods such as hot dogs, shaved ice, churros, popcorn, pretzels, coffee based drinks and other non-potentially hazardous items as approved by the Department will be permitted
- Only foods that are specified in the approved written operational procedures may be sold. Additions to the menu will require department review and approval.
- Non-prepackaged foods must be sold from the mobile food facility only. No sales will be allowed from coolers or tables.
- Agua fresca and other non-potentially hazardous drinks may be sold from a non-prepackaged mobile food facility, but only from approved dispensing units. Ladling or scoop type drink service is only approved within a food compartment. **All drink service must be contained on the mobile food facility.**
- One table is allowed to display and sell non-potentially hazardous prepackaged foods, to dispense non-potentially hazardous condiments or to hold a cash register. No beverage dispensing or potentially hazardous foods may be sold from the table.
- All back-up storage must be approved by the Department. Cold food may be stored in coolers as approved, and hot foods can only be stored on an approved mobile food facility or approved auxiliary facility. **Hot food storage in coolers will not be approved.**

PREPACKAGED MOBILE FOOD FACILITIES

- All foods must be individually prepackaged for sale. All temperature requirements for potentially hazardous foods must be met (either at or below 41 degrees F, or at or above 135 degrees F).
- All prepackaged potentially hazardous foods must be sold from the mobile food facility.
- Bulk dispensing of non-potentially hazardous beverages is allowed from approved dispensers that are filled at the commissary and are held on the permitted cart only.
- No opening or preparing of food allowed. All condiments must be dispensed from approved single service packages or approved bulk dispensers. No operator handling of condiments allowed. Potentially hazardous condiments must be held at required temperatures and must be in approved single service packages, examples: cheese, mayonnaise. Shelf stable condiments requiring no refrigeration may be bulk dispensed.
- One table is allowed for use with non-potentially hazardous prepackaged goods, cash register or non-potentially hazardous condiments.

OFFICES IN: RIVERSIDE, BLYTHE, CORONA, HEMET, INDIO, MURRIETA AND PALM SPRINGS

For more information call (888) 722-4234

Department Web Site – www.rivcoeh.org

- All back-up storage must be approved by the Department. Cold food may be stored in coolers as approved and hot foods can only be stored on an approved mobile food facility or approved auxiliary facility. **Hot food storage in coolers will not be approved.**

PRODUCE VEHICLES/100% PREPACKAGED FOOD STAND

- All produce must be whole, unprocessed and uncut. No prepping, cutting or trimming of produce is allowed.
- For Swap Meet permits, only packaged nonperishable foods may be sold. No open or bulk food is permitted within these permit categories.
- Any condiments must be from approved single service or approved bulk dispensers, be non-potentially hazardous and must be dispensed by the customer only.
- Foods may be offered for sale from a vehicle or a table top which is 24” above the ground.
- A business sign with 3 inch letters shall indicate the name of the business and name of permittee if different from the business name. 1 inch lettering will display city, state, and zip code on the table if vehicle sign is not apparent.

*Document available in an alternate format upon request