



COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE • COMMUNITY HEALTH AGENCY
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

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DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DIVISION

POSTING AND GRADING OF FOOD FACILITIES INVOLVED IN THE PREPARATION OF FOOD

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide the public a clear explanation of the posting and grading of restaurants and similar operations in Riverside County.

This Department inspects all food facilities in Riverside County three times per year. All inspections are unannounced, as to observe the typical daily operations and food handling practices.

Food facilities that are involved in food preparation, such as restaurants, delis, bakeries, and bars are required to post a grade card. The grade cards will be seen in all unincorporated areas of the county and in all incorporated cities that have chosen to adopt County of Riverside Ordinance 492.8 (Riverside County Code 8.40) regarding the regulation of food facilities. Prepackaged, temporary and mobile food facilities are not required to post grade cards.

There are three possible grades a food facility can receive: "A", "B", or "C".

The blue lettered "A" card indicates that the facility passed the inspection, receiving a score of 90 or more out of a possible 100 points.

The green lettered "B" card indicates that the facility failed the inspection (failed to meet minimum sanitary standards) and received a score below 90 but above 80.

The red lettered "C" card indicates that the facility has failed the inspection, and received a score below 80. This grade also indicates that the facility may present a potential or immediate threat to the public's health and safety as of the time the inspection was performed, and may be ordered closed by this Department.

The Department's grading system should not be confused with letter grades received in school where anything above an "F" is considered passing. We have only one passing grade, the blue letter "A". Remember to look for the "A" card near the public entrance of your favorite restaurant, deli, bakery, or bar to ensure that they have met the minimum environmental health standards. The grade cards must be prominently displayed in or near the public entrance at all times.

*Document available in an alternate format upon request

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