

Permit-Free Picks

When a Permit May Not Be Needed



Not every food needs a permit.

These are often low-risk pre-packaged items that stay safe at room temperature, bake sale products made for a cause, or potluck favorites provided to friends and neighbors.

Examples include:

- **Neighborhood classics:** Lemonade stands run by kids under 18.
- **Commercially packaged snack foods:** Bottled drinks, chips, granola bars, pretzels.
- **Charitable bake sales:** Individually wrapped cookies, brownies, cakes, fruit pies (with a sign they were made in an uninspected kitchen).
- **Hot drinks served in paper cups:** Coffee (without milk products), hot tea, hot apple cider (pasteurized).
- **Frozen treats:** Commercially packaged frozen ice cream bars or novelties.
- **Farm-fresh:** Whole fruits and vegetables in their natural state – uncut and unwashed.
- **Community potlucks:** Events where everyone brings dishes to share for free.



Play it Safe:

Not every item fits the list and not every food type is shown here. Before you start selling food, check with your local health department - they'll help you get it right. (www.doh.wa.gov/localhealthfoodcontacts)