

## SKAGIT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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### Temporary Event Permit Types

#### Exempt from Permit

Some foods do not require a Skagit County Health Department permit because they generally do not support the growth of bacteria and are not handled by food workers as part of their preparation or after being cooked. For a list of these foods, contact the Health Department. An application is required for pre-approval.

#### Sampling or Food Demonstration

A sampling permit is needed when serving, without charge, only a small amount of low risk food or drink for the purpose of advertising or promoting the sale of that food or food-associated equipment. Food is intended for immediate service. Sampling permits can be used throughout Skagit County and are valid until December 31 each year.

#### Temporary Event Permit

A temporary event permit is for a food service that operates at a fixed location with a fixed menu for not more than 21 consecutive days in conjunction with a single approved event or festival. The foods served do not qualify as exempt. There are two types:

**Low-Risk Temporary Event Permit:** Some foods are considered safer to prepare and serve because they have limited preparation steps and are less likely to result in food borne illness. Menu and preparation restrictions apply. Consult the application for a list of these foods.

**Regular Temporary Event Permit:** Foods that do not fall under either the Exempt or Low-Risk categories require a Regular permit.

#### Seasonal Temporary Event or Farmers Market

These types of permits cover a food service operating not more than 3 days a week at a fixed location with a fixed menu in conjunction with an approved, recurring, organized event such as a farmer's market, sports concession, or seasonal concert series. It **does not apply** to a business that offers a customer appreciation type food service on an occasional basis (see Temporary Event above).

#### Umbrella Event or Cook Off

This permit is designed for a food event where multiple individuals or food establishments serve one type of food (such as chili or chowder) as a competition or similar event. The event coordinator is responsible for certain aspects of the food safety. **Each Umbrella permit may cover up to six participants.**