



# Skagit County Public Health

Environmental Health  
Food & Living Environment  
Policy Template - Time as a Public Health Control

<b>Establishment Name:</b>	
<b>Establishment Address:</b>	
<b>Name of Permit-holder:</b>	

Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 246-215-03530 requires that a food establishment must have a written plan to use time without temperature to control the growth of microorganisms in food. The food establishment must label and monitor the food that requires time or temperature control for safety (TCS Food) and food may be held for no more than 4 hours when using time alone as a control. If you use time as a control for food cooked in your establishment, you must also have a written cooling policy.

- We will use time as a control for food intended **for immediate consumption**.
- We will use time as a control for a **working supply of food prior to cooking**.
- We will **ensure** that food is at the appropriate temperature when starting:
  - Hot foods will be removed from temperature control at 135°F or above
  - Cold foods will be removed from temperature control at 41°F or below
  - We will use the following items with a starting temperature of 70°F or below & ensure that the food never exceeds 70°F
    - Ready-to-eat fruits or vegetables that become TCS when cut
    - Ready-to-eat hermetically sealed food that becomes TCS when opened
- We will **label** each container of food with the time it must be served or discarded.
  - We will hold food for a maximum of \_\_\_\_\_ hours / \_\_\_\_\_ minutes
- We will **discard** any food that is unlabeled or remains unused after the discard time marked on the container. Uneaten food held without temperature control will not be saved or re-used.
- We will **provide a copy** of written procedures (this document or equivalent) for using **Time as a Public Health Control** to all establishment staff and to Skagit County Public Health upon request.

**Time as a Public Health Control will be used for the following foods:**

<b>Signature</b>		<b>Date</b>	
<b>Print Name</b>		<b>Title</b>	