



Permit Type Cheat Sheet for Vended Foods

Product	Permit needed	PERMIT OPTIONS					
		Clark County Public Health			Washington State Department of Agriculture		
		Temporary /Annual Permit	Exempt from Permit	Not a Food Establishment	Food Processors License	Cottage Food Permit	Other
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Beverages containing ice	Yes	X					
Candy and frozen Confections	No			X If pre-packaged in a licensed facility			
Coffee/ Espresso	Depends	X If PHF dairy or PHF dairy substitute is used		X If non-PHF dairy or non-PHF dairy substitute is used			
Canned Foods	Yes	X			X		
Cold Processed Foods (Ex. Packaged dairy-cheese, yogurt, whipped cream, sour cream, etc.)	Yes	X					
Cotton Candy	No		X				
Dairy and Dairy substitutes (Ex. coconut, soy, almond, rice, etc.)	Yes	X					Milk Processing Plan License & Milk Processing License
Dairy: Cheese/butter	Yes	X			X		
Dry Mixes: (Ex. soups, cookies, drinks, herbs & spices, etc.)	No			X		X	
Farm Raised Eggs	Yes						Egg Handler/Dealer License & Seals



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Fish	Yes	X*			X If processed in any way		
Honey	Yes				X If flavor is added or processed in any way		Hive Permit
Hot Processed Foods (Ex. Baked potatoes, soup, pizza, burgers, rice, cooked meats, etc.)	Yes	X					
Hot Dogs, bratwurst	Yes	X					
Jams and Jellies	Yes	X			X	X	
Whole Unprocessed Mushrooms	No			X	X If dried		
Non-potentially hazardous baked goods (Ex. Cookies, brownies, fruit pies, breads, etc.)	Depends	X	X If non-profit organization working for religious, charitable or educational purposes.			X	
Nursery Stock (Ex. Tomato starts, corn starts, cabbage starts, etc.)	No			X			Nursery Retailer/Wholesaler License DOR
Nuts	Yes		X		X If processed in any way		



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Poultry Processing	Yes				X Depends on # of birds processed/year	Special poultry permit	
Raw Milk	Yes	X Additional signage required					
Seafood: Shellfish)	Yes	X*				USDA If value-added, shucked or processed: commercial shellfish license.	
Teas (drying fresh leaves)	Yes	X			X		
Teas	No			X			
Whole un-cut Produce (Ex. Apples, melons, oranges, cucumbers, tomatoes, etc.)	No		X			Produce Safety	
Wine, Beer, Hard Cider & Distilled Spirits	Depends	X If served in reusable wares		X If served in single use containers		LCB	
Sampling Foods	Depends	X If food requires temperature control					
Shaved ice, Sno-Cones	Yes	X					
Soaps, lotions, shampoos, etc.	Yes		X			WSDA Selling body care products.	



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Vegetable or fruit juices, smoothies	Yes	X					

*(Salmon Sturgeon and Crab) if sold by anyone other than the licensed fisher or if processed in any way (including gutting), a Clark County Public Health permit is required. If you are the licensed fisherman, you may sell whole, fresh caught fish to the public without a health department permit. Please call the Clark County Public Health for more information 564.397.8248.

General Reminders:

-A valid Washington State Food Worker Card is required for all food/beverage handling. (Ex. Sampling produce, serving baked goods, fudge, preparing food/beverages). www.foodworkercard.wa.gov.

-You may need additional permits in other jurisdictions in which you are selling foods. (ex. the City of Vancouver). Contact that jurisdiction for more information.