

Exhibitor Food Preparation & Sampling Guidelines

Food and beverage samplings are limited to companies that manufacture, process and/or distribute products being sampled.

- Complete a **Short-Term Food Permit application > (see pages 2-10 below)**.
- Give your application and fee to your show management three weeks before your event begins.
- Exhibitors who would like to distribute samples must meet requirements on the application and Minneapolis Convention Center regulations, *no exceptions*.
- Food and/or beverage samples may only be distributed directly from an exhibit booth, within the show floor exhibit space.
- Exhibitors are asked to support the efforts of Kelber Catering and the Minneapolis Convention Center to reduce waste by providing [ALL compostable sampling containers and serviceware](#).
- Minneapolis Convention Center offers hand washing stations and three-compartment sinks for rent; please contact your event coordinator.
- Kelber Catering has chemical and paper products along with three compartment sink cleaning services; please contact your catering coordinator for fees.

Food and beverage samples are not to exceed:

- Food portions – 2 ounces
- Non-alcoholic beverages – 5 ounces

Alcoholic beverage sampling

In order to sample beer, wine or other alcoholic beverages exhibitors must be a grower, wholesaler, or distributor of products being sampled. Exhibitor must contact Kelber Catering in advance for fees and regulations involved with sampling under Kelber Catering's liquor license. Kelber Catering retains the right of final approval on the dispensing of beer, wine or other alcoholic beverages by exhibitors.

Sampling size guidelines:

- Wine – 1.5 ounce
- Beer – 3 ounce
- Liqueur or Cordials – 75 ounce
- Distilled Spirits – .50 ounce

CONSUMABLE*/NON-CONSUMABLE* FOOD & BEVERAGE SALES on the show floor

The MCC and its exclusive caterer Kelber Catering, maintain the exclusive rights for all consumable/non-consumable food & beverage sales on Minneapolis Convention Center property including the facility, outdoor Plaza, surrounding sidewalks, marshalling yard and any other space under direct control of the Minneapolis Convention Center. Consumable products must be pre-packaged and have a minimum price of \$15.00 per smallest saleable unit to be sold by exhibitors and/or Permittee.

***CONSUMABLE PRODUCT DEFINITION** is any product that may potentially be opened and consumed on site (e.g. pretzels, candies, popcorn, cookies, etc.).

***NON-CONSUMABLE PRODUCT DEFINITION** is a product which is not readily consumed as is (e.g. sauces, uncooked pasta, drink mixes, food mixes, spices, etc.)

In need of additional information? Please [call 612-335-6045](tel:612-335-6045) or [email us](#) for additional information.

Do I need to fill out this form?

Yes

A vendor planning to sell or give away food or beverages to the public in the City of Minneapolis.

Are you also the event organizer in addition to serving food to the public? If so, you must submit an Event Food Sponsor Permit Application in addition to this Short Term Food Permit Application. Your Short Term Food Permit will be free with your paid Event Food Sponsor Permit.

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Vendors serving only non-time/temperature control for safety beverages (wine, beer, water, soda, sports drinks) from a can, bottle or keg with no ice or garnish are pour-only vendors. Pour-only vendors do not need a Short Term Food Permit if they are listed on the Event Food Sponsor's permit as pour-only. Tea, coffee, juice and kombucha require a permit.

No

Food vendors with the one of following licenses or permits do not require a Short Term Food Permit. Simply give your permit, registration number, or license information to your Event Food Sponsor at least 2 weeks before the event:

- Licensed Minneapolis Mobile Food Vehicle (food truck) vendors
- Licensed Minneapolis Limited Mobile Food vendors
- Vendors with a Minneapolis Seasonal Food Permit
- Cottage Food Law exempt vendors registered with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA)
- Product of the Farm exempt vendors

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TTY users call 612-673-2157 or 612-673-2626.

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How do I complete the application?

- 1 Complete the Short Term Food Permit Application sections A-G.
- 2 Give your application and fee payment to your Event Food Sponsor at least 2 weeks before the event begins. If your Event Food Sponsor asks for a check to give to the city, make your check payable to, "Minneapolis Finance."
- 3 Save the Food Vendor Checklist (pages 7-8) to fill out during set-up on the first day of the event.

Terms and Definitions

Use the definitions below to help you complete this application. Keep this page for future reference.

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Vendor Types

- Cottage Food Law exempt vendors registered with the Minnesota Department of Health.** An individual who prepares and sells home processed food that are not time/temperature control for safety food directly to the consumer, and meets the requirements of MN Stat 28A.152. Look up Cottage Food Law exempt vendors at <http://www2.mda.state.mn.us/webapp/lis/default.jsp>
- Short Term Food Permit vendor.** Person(s) who plan to sell or give away food or beverages at a public food event.
- Licensed Minneapolis Mobile Food Vehicle (food truck) vendors.** A food establishment preparing and/or serving foods from a self-contained vehicle, either motorized or within a trailer on private property or curbside on public streets.
- Licensed Minneapolis Limited Mobile Food vendors.** An individual who sells prepackaged items such as ice cream, pop, candy, and/or potato chips from a vehicle.
- Pour-only vendors.** Vendors serving only non-time/temperature control for safety beverages from a can, bottle or keg with no ice or garnish are pour-only vendors. Examples include wine and beer sampling.
- Product of the Farm exempt vendors.** A market vendor who sells products that are grown, raised or harvested on land owned or leased by grower, with no off-farm ingredients, including vegetables, fruits, eggs, meats, plants, flowers, honey, maple syrup etc. as recognized by MN Stat 28A.15.
- Vendors with a Minneapolis Seasonal Food Permit.** Vendors who hold a current and approved Minneapolis Seasonal Food Permit.

Food Safety

- Cold holding.** Cold food items stored at or below 41°F.
- Cook or bake.** Food item that will be cooked or baked before serving.
- Cool.** Cooked or baked food items cooled before serving.
- Cut or assemble.** Food item requires mixing, handling, assembly on a surface and/or cutting before being served.
- Hot holding.** Hot food items stored at or above 135°F.
- Portion packaging.** Food item packaged or repackaged into different container(s) before serving.
- Time/temperature control for safety (TCS) food.** Any perishable food that is capable of supporting rapid and progressive growth of infectious or toxigenic microorganisms. <https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/food/docs/fs/tcsfoodfs.pdf>
- Reheat.** Items previously cooked & cooled at a licensed kitchen must be reheated to 165°F for hot holding.
- Safe temperatures.** As applies to time/temperature control for safety foods, means Temperatures of 41°F or below, or 135°F or above.
- Storage.** Food item that will require storage after preparation but before serving.
- Thaw.** Frozen food items that require thawing before serving.

Other

- Licensed commercial kitchen.** A retail or production food facility currently licensed by the Department of Health, Department of Agriculture or local food licensing agency. Proof of licensure or permission to use the facility may be required.
- Event Food Sponsor.** Person(s) named responsible on the Event Food Sponsor permit for organizing the public food event.
- MDA.** Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

1 Short Term Food Permit Application

Vendors must complete the Short Term Food Permit Application. A Short Term Food Permit is required to sell or give away food or beverages to the public in the City of Minneapolis.

Give your Short Term Food Permit Application to your Event Food Sponsor more than 2 weeks before the event start date. Do not send your completed application to the City of Minneapolis.

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| Payment type | Check # | Amount | LIC # |
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A Applicant Information

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|--|-------|------------------|--|
| Your name (last, first) | | Business name | |
| Street address | | | |
| City | State | Zip code | |
| Email address | | Telephone number | |
| If you have a retail mobile food handler license issued by MDA enter the number here | | | |

B Event Information

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| Event name | |
| Start date of the event | End date of the event |

C Food Preparation Location

Where food and/or beverages will be prepared and stored: At event Licensed kitchen

Summary of menu or food item(s)

All items are prepackaged and remain unopened when served to the public.
Refrigeration is not required for any items.

If both boxes are checked, please skip to Section F

Name of the licensed commercial kitchen Address of the licensed commercial kitchen

City State Zip code

Note: You may be asked to provide written approval to use the licensed commercial kitchen.

D Food Preparation at Licensed Commercial Kitchen

N/A

Check the preparation procedure(s) each menu item requires before the event. *(See page 2 for terms and definitions.)*

| Menu item | Thaw | Cut or assemble | Cook or bake | Cool | Cold holding | Reheat | Hot holding | Portion packaging | Storage |
|-----------|------|-----------------|--------------|------|--------------|--------|-------------|-------------------|---------|
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| 4. | | | | | | | | | |

Check here if additional menu items are listed on Section D2 *(page 5)*

E Food Preparation at Event

N/A

Check the preparation procedure(s) each menu item requires at the event. *(See page 2 for terms and definitions.)*

| Menu item | Thaw | Cut or assemble | Cook or bake | Cool | Cold holding | Reheat | Hot holding | Portion packaging | Storage |
|-----------|------|-----------------|--------------|------|--------------|--------|-------------|-------------------|---------|
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Check here if additional menu items are listed on Section E2 *(page 5)*

F Suppliers, Transportation and Equipment

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|-----|----|---|
| Yes | No | Will you have handwashing within 10 feet? <i>(Required if you serve open food or beverages)</i> |
| Yes | No | Will you have mechanical refrigeration? <i>(Required if the event is over 4 hours and you have cold time/temperature control for safety foods)</i> |
| Yes | No | Will you use ice in insulated containers instead of mechanical refrigeration? <i>(Allowed only if event is 4 hours or less; food must remain at or below 41°F)</i> |

List grocery stores or distributors where foods and ingredients are purchased or premade

Please check all equipment used at the event. Domestic slow cookers and crock pots are not allowed. Sterno® and other canned heat are not allowed at outdoor events.

Grill Warmer Hot Boxes Mechanical Hot Holding Other _____

D2 Food Preparation at Licensed Commercial Kitchen – Additional Items

Check the preparation procedure(s) each menu item requires before the event. *(See page 2 for terms and definitions.)*

| Menu item | Thaw | Cut or assemble | Cook or bake | Cool | Cold holding | Reheat | Hot holding | Portion packaging | Storage |
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G Verification

Read and verify each item. Sign and date your application.

Check to verify that you understand the requirements.

I understand my application must be given to the event food sponsor at least 2 weeks before the event, so he or she may submit it on time.

- If the event food sponsor has to submit my application less than 2 weeks before the event late fees will be charged. Late applications received within two business days of the event may be denied or the menu restricted.
- Once my application is approved, changes cannot be made to the menu.

I have received the Food Vendor Checklist on pages 7 and 8. I understand I should complete this checklist on the day of the event, before serving.

I have received the Food Vendor Guidelines on page 9.

I understand hand washing must be set up within 10 feet, if serving open food or beverage.

I understand I must keep cold time/temperature control for safety foods at or below 41°F.

- If the event is over four hours long, I must use mechanical refrigeration.
- If the event is four hours or less, I may use ice in insulated coolers. Foods must still remain at or below 41°F.

I understand I need to label all canned, bottled and packaged items with the following:

- Name of food product.
- Name and address of manufacturer.
- A list of all ingredients in descending order by weight, including any of the top 8 food allergens.

I understand my food or beverage service will be immediately closed for any of these reasons:

- Serving opened food or beverage without hand washing.
- Preparing or bringing food from home or from an unlicensed facility.
- Contamination or other immediate health hazards.
- Not bringing enough equipment to hold time/temperature control for safety foods at required temperatures.

Applicant Signature

Date

2 Application Submission and Fees

Give your Short Term Food Permit application to your Event Food Sponsor. The Event Food Sponsor must turn in your application with their application at least 2 weeks before the event. If applications are turned in late, Event Food Sponsors and vendors will be charged late fees. If your Event Food Sponsor asks for a check to give to the city, make your check payable to "Minneapolis Finance."

On time applications:

- **\$90.00** for public events in the City of Minneapolis
- **\$45.00** for public events at the Minneapolis Convention Center

Late applications:

- **\$180.00** for public events in the City of Minneapolis
- **\$90.00** for public events at the Minneapolis Convention Center

! Give this page to your Event Food Sponsor.

Food Vendor Checklist

Vendors must complete the Food Vendor Checklist during set-up on the first day of the event.

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Fill out during set-up on the first day of the event

- 1. Hand Washing Station** *(Required for open food or beverage)*
 - a. Minimum 5-gallons warm water
 - b. Container with hands-free spigot
 - c. 5-gallon waste water container
 - d. Pump soap and paper towels
- 2. Floor and Ceiling** *(Required for open food or beverage)*
 - a. Provide smooth, cleanable floors on dirt, gravel or grass surfaces
 - b. Onsite booth has overhead protection
- 3. Food Source/Menu** *(Immediate closure if out of compliance)*
 - a. No foods are prepared or stored at home
 - b. All foods are prepared at a licensed commercial kitchen or onsite at the event
- 4. Employee Hygiene**
 - a. Food workers wash hands before beginning food service and often during service
 - b. Food workers must not work if ill with vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours
 - c. Don't touch ready-to-eat food with bare hands. Use gloves or utensils
 - d. No pets in the food service area
- 5. Food Temperature Control**
 - a. Hot foods held at 135°F or above
 - b. Cold foods held at 41°F or below
 - c. Adequate equipment to maintain temperatures hot or cold: (1) Short term food vendors at events lasting more than four hours must use mechanical refrigeration (2) Short term food vendors at events lasting four hours or less may use ice in insulated coolers to maintain 41°F (3) Seasonal food vendors must use NSF, CSA, ETL, or UL accredited or certified mechanical refrigeration at all events
 - d. A thermometer to measure food temperature is provided

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Food Vendor Checklist – continued

6. Storage

- a. Food is stored at least 6" above the floor or inside a closed ice chest or waterproof box
- b. Ice being used to chill beverages is draining
- c. All plates, cups, utensils and equipment are stored at least 6" above the floor

7. Ice

- a. Ice used for chilling is not used for serving
- b. Ice bags are kept off the floor or ground
- c. Ice is served with an ice scoop that has a handle
- d. Ice is not handled with bare hands or contaminated (*ice scoop handle must be kept out of ice*)

8. Cooking

- a. Raw chicken or poultry is cooked to at least 165°F
- b. Raw ground beef or pork is cooked to at least 155°F
- c. Raw steak, pork, fish or eggs are cooked to at least 145°F
- d. Items previously cooked & cooled at a licensed kitchen must be reheated to 165°F for hot holding

9. Food Protection

- a. Self-serve condiments are (1) in squeeze bottles, (2) in individual packets, or (3) in containers with lids
- b. All open food is protected from customer contamination

10. Sanitizer (*If needed for wiping cloths or dishwashing*)

- a. Unscented bleach or Quaternary (Quat) sanitizer available
- b. Sanitizer test strips available
- c. Bleach concentration at 50-200 ppm or Quat at 200-400 ppm
- d. Wiping cloths stored in bucket with sanitizer solution

11. Dish Washing (*Choose one option*)

- a. I will wash, rinse and sanitize equipment and utensils used for time/temperature control for safety food while on site
- b. I will bring enough extra equipment and utensils used for time/temperature control for safety food to switch out every four hours

12. End of Day Clean-Up

- a. Any remaining hot food is discarded (*leftover hot food from temporary events shall not be cooled and re-served*)
- b. Food and equipment stored in a secure location overnight
- c. Booth operator has identified an approved location for disposal of liquid waste and oil/grease
- d. Liquid waste, oil/grease will be properly disposed of
- e. self-inspection sheet is complete and available for Event Sponsor and Inspector to view

Food Vendor Guidelines

Event food items must meet food safety standards for handling, preparation and storing to prevent foodborne illness.

- 1. All vendors must complete the Food Vendor checklist before opening on the first day of an event.**
- 2. Prepare all food in a licensed commercial kitchen or on-site.** Home prepared foods are allowed only for vendors listed in MN Statute 28A.15.
- 3. Use mechanical refrigeration to keep time/temperature control for safety foods cold.** *Exception: Insulated coolers with ice may be substituted by Short Term vendors only when the event is 4 hours or less. (Seasonal Vendors must always use NSF, CSA, ETL, or UL accredited or certified mechanical refrigeration)*
- 4. Always keep time/temperature control for safety foods, such as meats, fish, poultry, cooked rice and salads, at 41°F or colder or 135°F or hotter.** Use a metal-stem thermometer to check internal food temperatures.
- 5. Reheat food quickly to 165°F and hold at 135°F or higher.** Domestic slow cookers and crock pots are not allowed. Sterno™ and other canned heat are not allowed at outdoor events.
- 6. All food stands must have a tent or canopy.** If you are at an event where the tent or canopy is on grass or dirt, you must provide flooring (*mats, plywood, etc.*) for the Food Stand. *Exception: Flooring is not needed if all foods and beverages are packaged and remain unopened when served.*
- 7. Store all foods, beverages, ice, utensils and paper products at least six inches above the ground or floor.** Label chemicals and store soap, sanitizer, insect sprays and chemicals away from food and food related items.
- 8. Prepare and serve all foods out of reach of the customers.** Self-service is not allowed unless proper utensils are provided such as: individual soufflé cups for dips, toothpicks for individual food samples, tongs for serving chips, etc.

- 9. A fire extinguisher must be provided if cooking with an open flame.**
- 10. Liquid Propane tanks over 20 pounds require a permit from Minneapolis Fire Inspection Services.** For permit application call 311 or outside Minneapolis call (612) 673-3000. Gas hose must be constructed of rigid copper, black iron or galvanized pipe.
- 11. Practice good personal hygiene.** Do not work within 24 hours of being sick (vomiting or diarrhea). Do not eat in the food service area. Wash hands frequently.
- 12. Provide hand washing if you prepare or serve open food or beverage.** Handwashing must be set up within 10 feet of food stand. Restroom hand sinks do not satisfy this requirement. Hand sink may be a permanent fixture, a mobile tank-based unit, or a gravity-fed set-up.

Mobile Hand Washing Sink



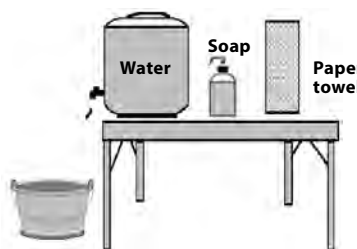
Gravity-fed hand washing:

- Insulated 5 gallon container of warm, potable water
- Water should be refilled before the level comes down to 2 inches from the spigot
- Container must have a hands-free spigot that can be turned on and off
- Liquid hand soap
- Paper towels
- Catch bucket of at least 5 gallons

Hands-Free Spigot



Gravity Hand Washing Setup



- 13. Wash equipment and utensils.** Bring enough of your utensils and equipment used with time/temperature control for safety food to switch out to new ones at least every four hours.

If you will wash equipment and utensils at the event, wash, rinse and sanitize them at least every four hours in a 3-compartment sink or 3-bucket set-up. The sinks or buckets must be large enough for your largest utensil to fit.

1. Wash in warm, soapy water
2. Rinse in clean water
3. Sanitize in bleach or quaternary solution

Bring test strips to check sanitizer (50-200 PPM for Chlorine; 200 – 400 PPM for Quaternary)

Utensil Washing Setup



Failure to comply with these guidelines can result in a citation, closure of food booth, or denial of future permits.



For more information
Call 311 or visit
www.minneapolismn.gov/GreenToGo

The Environmentally Acceptable Packaging Ordinance WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

GREEN TO GO EXEMPTIONS END APRIL 22, 2019

Some products have been exempted from the Green To Go ordinance. The exemption allows businesses to use the products even though they do not meet the requirements of the Green To Go ordinance.

The exempted products are:

- Polyethylene (PE) lined paper hot and cold cups and containers for liquids (soup, etc.) , and
- Rigid polystyrene (plastic #6) lids for those containers. The lids are marked with a #6 inside three chasing arrows.

Minneapolis Environmental Health has determined the product exemptions will end April 22, 2019.

By ending the exemptions in 2019, businesses have time to use up existing inventory and work with distributors to purchase products that meet Green To Go requirements. This approach is consistent with the educational approach used when the Green To Go ordinance was amended in 2014.

KEY REQUIREMENTS OF THE ORDINANCE

The Green To Go ordinance requires food and beverages prepared for immediate consumption and to-go must be placed in packaging that is reusable, recyclable or compostable. Recyclable materials must be recycled. Compostable plastics must be composted. The ordinance went into effect on April 22, 2015 (Earth Day).

WHO IS AFFECTED?

All people, businesses, events, or individuals who serve or give away food prepared for immediate consumption. This includes all restaurants; grocery store deli cases; food trucks and other mobile vendors; and temporary, short term and seasonal food vendors.

WHAT IS PACKAGING?

Food or beverage cans, bottles, or containers used to package product for immediate consumption including glasses, cups, plates, serving trays, and to-go containers.

ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE PACKAGING is reusable, recyclable, or compostable.

The diagram is divided into three sections. The first section on the left shows a red 'X' over a collection of polystyrene (PS) containers, with a recycling symbol for #6 PS below. The middle section shows a green checkmark over a collection of plastic bottles and containers, with a recycling symbol for #1 PETE, #2 HDPE, and #5 PP below. The third section on the right shows a green checkmark over a collection of compostable plastic containers, with text below stating 'Compostable plastics must meet ASTM standard D6868 or be certified compostable by Cedar Grove or BPI.'



CONFUSING PACKAGING

Beware of packaging that does not meet Green To Go requirements.

Some confusing containers are beige and resemble compostable containers.

If the symbol on the container is a number six inside three chasing arrows,



the container is polystyrene and does not meet Green To Go requirements.

Terms such as “green alternative,” “degradable,” “biodegradable,” and “sustainably sourced” are marketing terms. They do not mean a product meets Green To Go requirements.

NOT INCLUDED

Products not included in the ordinance:

- Knives, forks and spoons
- Straws
- Stir sticks
- Foods prepackaged by the manufacturer, producer or distributor
- Plastic films less than 10 mils thick

EXEMPT BUSINESSES

- Catering companies licensed by the City of Minneapolis, another city or the state.
- Hospitals and nursing homes

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Are businesses required to have organics collection in the front of the house? If a business uses compostable *plastic* containers organics collection is required. If a business only uses compostable *paper* then organics collection is not required (but is encouraged).

What compostable plastics meet Green To Go requirements? Containers which meet ASTM standard D6868 or are certified compostable by BPI or Cedar Grove meet Green To Go requirements. Contact your supplier with questions about containers.

Questions about the ordinance? Call 311 or email health@minneapolismn.gov. Ask for an Environmental Health Supervisor.



NOT ALLOWED

- Rigid polystyrene - any color plastic marked
- Expanded polystyrene (commonly known as Styrofoam™)



HENNEPIN COUNTY ASSISTANCE

Free:

- Assistance and training
- Labels, signs and other educational materials

Business Grants up to \$50,000 are available to assist with:

- Start or improve recycling, organics and waste prevention programs
- Bin and other eligible equipment purchases
- New recycling or organics hauling service fees
- Improvements to loading docks and waste container enclosures (fenced in areas)

For more information (and Hennepin County contact information) visit www.hennepin.us/businessrecycling



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Call 311 or visit www.minneapolismn.gov/GreenToGo

Stay connected. Subscribe to *Food Establishment News* from the Health Department. Send an email to Food@minneapolismn.gov with “subscribe” in the subject line.

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Food Labeling for Retail Food Establishments

LABEL REQUIREMENTS

Packaged food must be labeled. Food is packaged if the food establishment bottles, cans, cartons, wraps or bags the product and makes it available for self-service.

The label on a food package tells consumers exactly what is inside the package. Food package label information must be written in English. There are five parts of a food label:

- Identity (name of food)
- Net quantity of contents
- Ingredient list, including major food allergens
- Business name and address
- Nutrition facts

Principal display panel

The principal display panel (PDP) is the front of the package and is easily seen by the consumer at the time of purchase. Include the identity and the net quantity of contents on the PDP.

Identity

The identity is the truthful common or usual name of the product. Providing a brand name is voluntary.

- Use a name that is not misleading.
- Use large, bold type.
- Print the name in the middle of the label.

Net quantity of contents

The net quantity of contents is the minimum amount of food contained within a package, not including the weight of the package and packing material.

- Print the net quantity of contents as weight (for solids or semi-solids), volume (for liquids), or count (in limited situations). Examples: NET WT 12 OZ; 64 FL OZ; 6 COUNT.
- Place in the lower third of the PDP with no other information next to or below.
- Use weight for meat, fish, and shellfish labels (Minnesota Rules, part 1545.0290).

For more information about food sold by weight or count refer to the [Grocers Guide to Weights and Measures](#).

Information panel

The information panel is usually found to the right of the PDP. Include the ingredient list, business name and address, and nutrition facts on the information panel.

Ingredient list

List all ingredients by their common or usual name.

- List all ingredients in descending order (most to least) by weight. If less than 2% by weight, an ingredient can be

mentioned at the end of the list, stating "contains 2% or less of ____."

- Include all sub-ingredients. Example: Flour (bleached wheat flour, malt barley, flour, niacin, iron, potassium thiamine, riboflavin).
- Include chemical preservatives and food coloring in descending order (most to least) by weight.

Major food allergens

Allergen labeling is required for packaged food products that contain any of the eight major food allergens: milk, eggs, fish, crustacean shellfish, tree nuts, peanuts, wheat, and soy.

Identify by name any major food allergens in the product as part of the ingredient list. This must include protein derived from a major food allergen. Use one of the following options:

1. List the common or usual name of the food source, followed by the name of the allergen in parentheses. Example: flour (wheat), whey (milk).

OR

2. After the ingredient list, place the word "Contains:" followed by the food allergen. Example: Contains: wheat, milk.

For tree nuts, declare the specific type of nut. Examples: almonds, coconut, pecans. For fish or crustacean shellfish, declare the species. Examples: walleye, shrimp, lobster.

Business name and address

Print the business name, city, state, and ZIP code of the manufacturer, packer, or distributor. If the business is not listed in the current telephone guide for the city, include the street address.

If the name given is not the actual manufacturer, also state the establishment's relation to the product. Examples: "Manufactured for" or "Distributed by."

Nutrition facts

A nutrition facts panel is sometimes required. Packaged foods that do not have a nutrient content claim or health claim may be exempt due to:

- Size of the business.
- How food is sold, served or offered for sale.
- Insignificant amount of nutrients, such as in spices, tea or coffee.

The nutrition facts panel includes information about the serving size, calories and key nutrients of the food. If required, place the nutrition facts panel at the top of the information panel.

For more information about exemptions refer to the [Small Business Nutrition Labeling Exemption Guidance](#).

Nutrient content claims and health claims

When making a nutrient content claim or health claim, include nutrition facts in the information panel.

- Nutrient content claims indicate the nutritional value of the food. Examples: "low fat," "high in oat bran," or "contains 100 calories."
- Health claims describe the relationship between a food component and a disease or health-related condition. Examples: a brand name including a term such as "healthy," or a heart symbol.

Additional requirements

This fact sheet provides only a brief summary of some federal and state labeling requirements for retail establishments. Some additional label components for retail establishments could include:

- [Gluten-free claim](#)
- Meaningful quality assurance date
- [Country of origin labeling \(COOL\)](#)
- Safe handling instructions
- Grade and size

Resources

[Minnesota Department of Health Food Business Safety](#)
(www.health.state.mn.us/foodbizsafety)

[Small Business Nutrition Labeling Exemption Guidance](#)
(www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/GuidanceDocumentsRegulatoryInformation/LabelingNutrition/ucm053857.htm)

[Grocers Guide to Weights and Measures](#)
(mn.gov/commerce-stat/pdfs/grocers-manual.pdf)

[A Food Labeling Guide \(FDA\)](#)
(www.fda.gov/downloads/Food/GuidanceRegulation/UCM265446.pdf)

[Guidance for Industry: Gluten-Free Labeling of Foods; Small Entity Compliance Guide](#)
(www.fda.gov/food/guidanceregulation/guidancedocumentsregulatoryinformation/ucm402549.htm)

[Food Allergen Training for Food Service Employees](#)
(<https://extension.umn.edu/event/food-allergen-training-food-service-employees>)

[Country of Origin Labeling](#)
(www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/cool)

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