

CITY OF NORTH RICHLAND HILLS

CONSUMER HEALTH DIVISION

SPECIAL EVENTS AND FOOD PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

FOOD RULES FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

The [“Food and Food Establishments” ordinance](#) of the City of North Richland Hills and the [Texas Food Establishment Rules](#) put rules in place to ensure proper safety practices at temporary events where food or beverages are served. In most cases, NRH ordinance requires that a food vendor apply for a temporary food permit and pass inspection before being allowed to serve food at public events. Food includes food, beverages, ice, & almost anything a person can ingest.

All permitted temporary food vendors must follow the [Requirements for Temporary Food Service](#) and pass inspection with NRH Consumer Health before food service begins at the event. Mobile food units must be permitted by Tarrant County Public Health and follow State and County rules for mobile food units.

This document will help you determine if you need to get a temporary food permit(s) for your temporary event! If you have questions about NRH food permits, contact NRH Consumer Health at 817-427-6650 or consumerhealth@nrhtx.com

EXAMPLES OF EVENTS THAT REQUIRE A TEMPORARY FOOD PERMIT

- Public events where food is served including grand openings, community events, and promotional events.
- Food vendors at events like Sounds of Spring, Night of Holiday Magic, Denim and Diamonds, and NE Tarrant Family Fourth Event.
- Food vendors that set up for events at businesses, apartment complexes, and in public areas.

**See page 2 for examples of events that DO NOT require a food permit.*

TYPES OF TEMPORARY EVENT FOOD PERMITS:

- [Temporary Event Food Permit](#): Most temporary food vendors need this permit application.
- [Tarrant County Mobile Food Unit Permit](#): Tarrant County Environmental Health permits all mobile food units in Tarrant County. As long as a mobile food unit has a Tarrant County permit, an NRH permit is not required.
- [Recurring Temporary Event Food Permit](#): Only applicable to specific events like Sounds of Spring, Denim and Diamonds, and the Family Fourth Event. Contact NRH Consumer Health if you think you qualify for this permit.

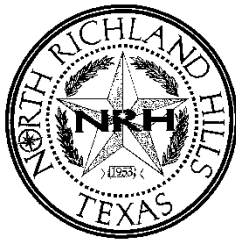
TERMS YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Food=Food, Beverages, Ice, Almost Anything a Person Ingests

TCS Food= Means “Time and Temperature Controlled for Safety” Food, also known as “Potentially Hazardous Food”. This is any type of food that requires temperature control to prevent the growth of bacteria and other harmful microorganisms. Examples of TCS foods are meats, dairy products, eggs, cooked pasta/rice/potatoes, cooked vegetables, cut tomatoes, cut melons.

Non-TCS Food= Means “Non-Time and Temperature Controlled for Safety” Food, also known as Non-Potentially Hazardous Food. Examples of non-TCS foods are cookies, brownies, and prepackaged candy/chips/sodas.





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EVENTS WHERE NO TEMPORARY FOOD PERMIT REQUIRED*	
<i>Description of Event</i>	<i>Explanation</i>
Child's Lemonade Stand	HB 234 is a Texas state law that allows children to set up occasional lemonade stands as long as they have the permission of the property owner to do so. No food permit is required for a child's lemonade stand.
Bake Sale	NRH ordinance allows you to prepare non-TCS food (i.e. cookies, brownies, etc.) in your home and sale these items at functions like a religious/charitable organization's bake sale.
Church Potluck	Religious organizations/structured groups are allowed to serve food provided from their own membership to their members and immediate guests. <i>Note: The food must be provided from their members, not served or sold at the event by a commercial food business.</i>
Handing Out Prepackaged Soda/Candy/Snacks at a Sporting/Community Event	You are allowed to hand out non-TCS food from an approved source in its original packaging at community sporting/recreational events
Cottage Food	Texas allows you to run a food business out of your home without a food permit if you're preparing non-TCS items and following all of the requirements of the Texas Cottage Food Law
Wedding Receptions, Business Meetings, Family Reunions, Other Events Not Open to the Public	Short-term events that are open only to private individuals and not to the public do not require a food permit. <i>Note: If hiring a food business like a food truck, you must make sure that this vendor is out of public view or not accessible by the public.</i>
Short-Term Event and Food Is Prepared and Served by Members of Non-Profit/Religious/Governmental/Private Group	<p>You do not need a food permit if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Your event lasts less than three days, ➤ You are a non-profit, religious, governmental, or private group, and ➤ Food is prepared/served by your own members. <p>TCS Food is allowed. <i>Note: Food permit required if food is prepared/served by a food business.</i></p>

**For City of North Richland Hills only. Other jurisdictions may have different rules.*