



FOOD DISTRIBUTION AT BREWERIES AND WINERIES

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Frequently Asked Questions

Does my brewery or winery need a Health Permit?

The California Retail Food Code exempts certain food distribution activities at breweries and wineries when specified conditions are met. A Health Permit is not required for the following activities:

- ***Breweries:*** No retail permit is required if only beer and prepackaged non-potentially hazardous beverages are offered for onsite consumption and no food other than crackers or pretzels is served.
- ***Wineries:*** No retail permit is required if only bottles of wine and prepackaged non-potentially hazardous beverages are offered for onsite consumption and no food other than crackers is served.

Can my customers bring in their own food or have food delivered from a permitted restaurant?

With your permission, customers can bring in prepared food for their own consumption or order food and have it delivered to them at your business (for example, pizza delivery).

Are mobile food facilities such as food trucks or food carts allowed to sell food outside of my facility?

With local Land Use approval, permitted mobile food facilities (MFFs) such as food trucks and food carts reporting daily to an approved commissary, may be allowed to serve food outside of your facility. To verify they have a valid MFF Health Permit, look for their current permit sticker affixed to the vehicle and their grade card. They will also need to have a toilet facilities letter of agreement signed by you, (see form on the reverse side of this page) allowing the food truck or food cart operator to use your restrooms.

Be advised that certain cities within the county of San Bernardino may limit the amount of time a food truck or food cart can remain in one location or where on public property the food truck may conduct business. In some unincorporated areas of the county, there could be limits on the location of a food truck or food cart. Please check your city ordinance or County ordinance (for unincorporated areas) for more information.

Are Temporary Food Vendors allowed to sell food outside of my facility?

Temporary food vendors are not allowed to sell food outside of your facility. Temporary Food Vendors are only permitted to operate at Farmers' Markets or Community Events in conjunction with a Temporary Event Organizer. A community event is defined as an event that is of civic, political, public, or educational nature as approved by the local enforcement agency.

Who can I contact with questions?

For information regarding options to serve food at your brewery or winery, please contact the Department of Public Health Environmental Health Services (EHS) at (800) 442-2283 during normal business hours.

How do I apply for a Health Permit?

If you are interested in obtaining a permit to serve food at your brewery or winery, please contact the EHS Plan Check Program at (800) 442-2283.