



Complimentary Food Service without a Commercial Kitchen

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BASIC REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ No food preparation or handling is allowed
- ✓ All food and beverage items shall be commercially prepackaged and pre-portioned
- ✓ Food service must be located within the physical enclosure of the hotel, motel or inn and only be offered to guests
- ✓ No additional food service activities or sales are allowed at the facility (excluding vending machines)
- ✓ Foods are to be ordered daily or as often as possible to limit onsite storage
- ✓ Foods shall be properly labeled
- ✓ All food and beverages shall be from an approved source
- ✓ Individually portioned toast, bagels, toaster waffles or other bakery items are acceptable when pre-wrapped at an approved food facility
- ✓ Coffee service is allowed when served from commercial coffee carafes or pots
- ✓ A commercial toaster or microwave unit may be provided for customer use
- ✓ Only single-use plates, cups and utensils may be provided

A Health Permit is REQUIRED when...

...offering potentially hazardous food (PHF) or beverages. All foods shall be commercially prepackaged and pre-portioned (i.e. individual serving-sized milk and fruit juices). Plan submittal to the Division of Environmental Health Services **IS REQUIRED**.

In addition to the basic requirements listed above, a hotel, motel or inn offering food or beverages *with* a health permit must meet the following requirements:

- ✓ Commercial refrigeration is required for the storage of prepackaged, potentially hazardous food or beverages
- ✓ Provide restrooms within 200 feet of food service
- ✓ Commercial hot or cold-holding equipment for PHF

A Health Permit is NOT Required if...

- ✓ All food and beverages are commercially prepackaged and non-potentially hazardous and
- ✓ The food display area is limited to 25 square-feet or less.

Plan submittal is **NOT REQUIRED**.

How Do I Get a Health Permit?

Submit plans to the Division of Environmental Health Services for review. For additional information, visit us on the web at ehs.sbcounty.gov.

