



# Value Added Processing for Food Entrepreneurs

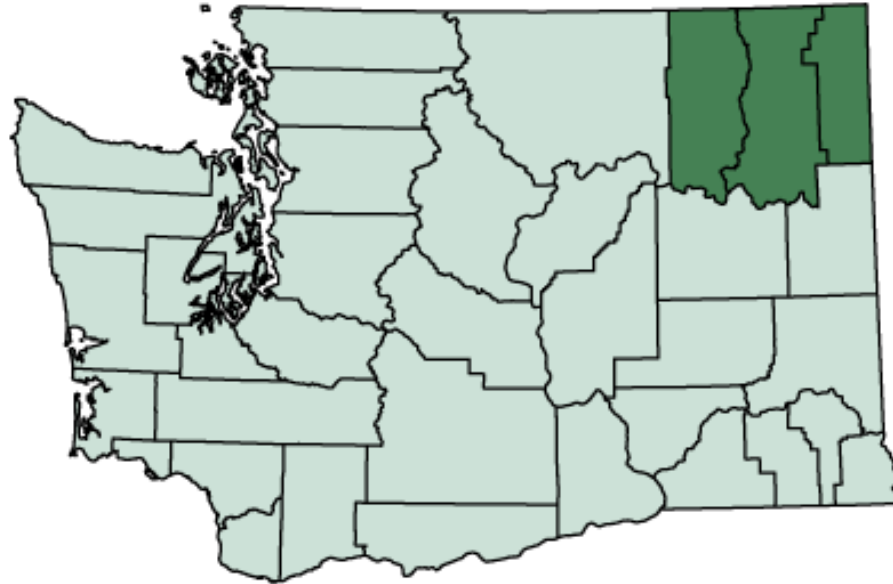
Permit Requirements for  
Northeast Tri County Health District





# Northeast Tri County Health District

- Northeast Tri County Health District (NETCHD) permits retail food establishments in Stevens, Ferry, and Pend Oreille Counties.





# What is a Food Establishment?

- A Food Establishment is an operation that stores, prepares, packages, serves, or otherwise provides food for human consumption directly to the consumer or indirectly through a delivery service.
- A Food Establishment requires a permit from NETCHD.
- Selling a potentially hazardous food (except raw shell eggs) directly to the consumer requires a permit from NETCHD, even if you are licensed by another agency.



# What is **Not** Considered a Food Establishment?

- Fruits, vegetables, herbs if all of the following apply:
  - Unprocessed, or minimally cut
  - Non-potentially hazardous
  - Not ready-to eat
- Foods prepared under a WSDA license if:
  - Non-potentially hazardous food
  - Food produced under a cottage food license



# What is a Potentially Hazardous Food?

- A potentially hazardous food is a food that requires temperature control for safety, including:

Foods of Plant Origin	Foods of Animal Origin	
Fruit or vegetable that has been heat treated (cooked, blanched)	Poultry (Chicken, Turkey, Quail, etc.)	
Cut Leafy Greens (lettuce, spinach, cabbage, kale)	Beef	Pork
Cut Tomato	Goat	Sheep
Cut Melon	Milk	Eggs
Sprouts	Fish	Shellfish



## Retail Sale vs. Wholesale

- Retail Sale – Food is sold or served directly to the consumer.
  - Your own business
  - Farmer’s Market
  - Craft Fair
  - Community Events
- Wholesale – Food is sold to a middleman, who then sell to the consumer.
  - Restaurants
  - Grocery Stores
  - Distributors



## NETCHD Permit or WSDA License

- Northeast Tri County Health District (NETCHD) permits businesses for retail food sales.
- Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) licenses food processors that wholesale foods, package foods in hermetically sealed containers, or sell foods on the internet.
- Sometimes BOTH a NETCHD permit and WSDA License are required
- NETCHDs 'Farmers Market Permit Information' is a good resource.



# NETCHD Permits

- **Temporary Food Establishment Permit**
  - **Category 1** – Selling ONLY pre-packaged, potentially hazardous foods licensed by WSDA or USDA
  - **Category 2** – Foods that do not qualify as category 1 or category 3
  - **Category 3** – Foods that are either:
    - Prepared using raw animal products
    - Foods that are cooked and/or cooled in advance of event
  - **Recurring Events** – Available for all categories
  - Temporary Food Establishment Application required
- **Food Establishment Permit**
  - Permanent food establishments
  - Plan review required





Thank You

Questions? Contact me.

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