



**Yakima Health District**  
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Dear Temporary Food Vendor/Organizer:

According to WAC 246-215-9-201.11(C)(1), the owner of a temporary food establishment must apply to the regulatory authority for a permit to operate the temporary food establishment at least fourteen calendar days before intending to provide food service. Often times food vendors apply for permits the week of and often the day of events. This makes it difficult for Yakima Health District staff to communicate, educate, and interact with the food vendors prior to an inspection. It is important for Yakima Health District staff to receive applications in advance to verify the source of food, where and how it is prepared, and how it is transported in order to avoid problems or possible closure during an event. It is also important to have advance time to schedule inspections or contact the vendor with any questions or concerns.

In order to better serve the public, the Yakima Health District Board of Health approved changes to the temporary (itinerant) permit application process. Beginning January 1, 2008, all applications for temporary food service permits must be turned into the Yakima Health District at least 2 weeks before the event. **Any owner of a temporary food establishment, including non-profit organization that does not apply to the Yakima Health District at least 7 calendar days before providing food service will be charged a late fee of \$50. If the owner does not apply at least 2 working days before the event, a permit will not be issued and the owner/organization will not be allowed to operate at that event.** The application must either be postmarked or brought in to the Yakima Health District before these deadlines.

Please note that the Yakima Health District is now located at 1210 Ahtanum Ridge Drive in Union Gap, WA. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call (509)249-6521.

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