



Island County Public Health

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Food Vendor Farmers Market Permit Matrix

Farmer's Market Operating Options

| The list below includes a general description of common food & beverages and is not an all-inclusive list and additional conditions may apply. Applications submitted for review are assessed when received to determine risk and applicable fees (if any) based on menu and food source list provided. Contact the Food Safety Program Office at (360) 678-8276 or at foodsafety@islandcountywa.gov for product specific questions. | Island County | Washington State Department of Agriculture | | Federal or State | Exemptions That May Apply |
|--|---|--|---------------------------|------------------|--|
| | Temp Food Establishment Permit, recurring event | WSDA Food Processor License | WSDA Cottage Food License | Other | Notification or Documentation Required |
| Beverages (Iced Drinks, Juices, Smoothies, etc.) – Prepared on site | Low or medium risk, depending on menu | | | | |
| Beverages – Non-TCS Commercially Packaged | | | | | Exempt by definition (Island County Food Code - 01115) |
| Candy & Frozen Confections | Exemption Permit | | | | Exempt with Approval (Island County Food Code - 08305) |
| Coffee/Ciders (Served hot without direct contact) | | | | | Exempt by definition (Island County Food Code - 01115) |
| Canned Specialty Foods | | X | | | WSDA |
| Cotton Candy | Exemption Permit | | | | Exempt with Approval (Island County Food Code - 08305) |
| Dairy – Milk Products, Cheese, Butter | Low risk if prepackaged, Medium risk if open handling | | | X | WSDA or FDA licensed. |
| Dry Mixes (Soups, cookies, drinks, herbs & spices, etc.) – Packaged | | | X | | Exempt with Approval (Island County Food Code - 08305) |
| Eggs - Commercial | Low Risk | | | X | WSDA or Processed under USDA inspection |
| Eggs – Farm Fresh | Low Risk | | | X | WSDA Egg Handler/Dealer |
| Fish | Low risk if prepackaged, Medium risk if open handling | X | | X | WDFW , WSDA , or FDA License |
| Honey | | X | | | WSDA if processed |
| Jams and Jellies | | X | X | X | WSDA or FDA licensed. |
| Meats (Beef, Pork, Lamb) – Commercially Packaged | Low risk if prepackaged, Medium risk if open handling | | | X | Processed under USDA inspection |
| Non TCS foods – Commercially Packaged | | | | | Exempt by definition (Island County Food Code - 01115) |
| Non-TCS Foods - Open food handling or sampling | Sampling, Low, or Medium Risk, depending on menu | | | | Nonprofit bake sale (Island County Food Code - 01115) |



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| Nursery Stock (Tomato, corn, & cabbage starts, etc.) | | | | X | WSDA Nursery Dealer License |
| Nuts (Includes on site roasting and candy coating) | Exemption Permit | | | | Exempt with Approval (Island County Food Code - 08305) |
| Popcorn | Exemption Permit | | | | Exempt with Approval (Island County Food Code - 08305) |
| Poultry – Commercial | Low risk if prepackaged, Medium risk if open handling | | | X | Processed under USDA inspection |
| Poultry – Farm Fresh | Low risk if prepackaged, Medium risk if open handling | | | X | WSDA Special Poultry Permit |
| Produce – Fresh (i.e. Whole, Farm Cut non Ready to Eat) | | | | | Exempt by definition (Island County Food Code - 01115) |
| Produce – Processed (Ready to Eat Cut Leafy Greens, Tomatoes, or Melons, Salad Mixes, etc.) | Low risk if prepackaged, Medium risk if open handling | X | | | |
| Seafood/Shellfish | Low risk if prepackaged, Medium risk if open handling | | | X | WDFW or FDA License |
| Shaved Ice or Snow Cones | Exemption Permit | | | | Exempt with Approval (Island County Food Code - 08305) |
| Spirits including Beer, Cider, Wine, etc. | | | | X | WSLCB Farmers Market License |

Partner Websites

Island County Food Code - <https://www.islandcountywa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1461/Island-County-Food-Code?bId=1>

FDA Retail Food Establishment Flow Chart - <https://www.fda.gov/files/food/published/Retail-Food-Establishment-Exemption-Flowchart.pdf>

USDA Inspection Programs - <https://www.fsis.usda.gov/inspection/inspection-programs>

Washington State Department of Agriculture Small Farm Fact Sheets - <https://agr.wa.gov/departments/business-and-marketing-support/smallfarm/the-greenbook/regulations-for-specific-products>

Washington State Department of Agriculture Licensing, Permits, And Certificates - <https://agr.wa.gov/services/licenses-permits-and-certificates>

Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife Licensing - <https://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses>

Washington State Food Worker Card - www.foodworkercard.wa.gov

Washington State Liquor Control Board - <https://lcb.wa.gov/licensing/special-licenses-and-permits/farmers-markets>



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