

## Temporary Retail Food Establishments

A temporary food establishment is a food establishment that operates for a period of no more than 14 consecutive days in conjunction with a single event or celebration.

The single event permit is valid for one individual food booth or unit at one specific event, and is valid for 14 consecutive days from the initial effective date. The multiple event permit is valid for one individual food booth or unit at multiple events for 2 years from the initial effective date, provided that each event does not exceed 14 consecutive days.

## Permitting

Applications must be received by the Department at least 30 days prior to the event.

Single event permits may be obtained using the online licensing system or by completing and returning the Temporary Food Establishment Single Event Permit Application found at <https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/>

Multiple event permits applications must be submitted using the Temporary Food Establishment Multiple Event Permit Application found at <https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/>

For further information regarding temporary events in Texas Department of State Health Services, please use the attached Temporary Food Establishment Fact Sheet and/or Temporary Food Establishment Checklist.

## Fees

Single event permits are \$52, and the fee for a multiple event permit is \$200.

## Businesses Not Requiring Permits

Day care facilities \*

Establishments that offers only **pre-packaged foods** that are not potentially hazardous

Produce stands that only offers whole, uncut fresh fruits and vegetables

Food processing plants

A Bed and Breakfast limited facility

A private home that receives catered or home-delivered food

A kitchen in a private home is not considered a food establishment if only food that is not potentially hazardous is prepared for sale or service at a function such as a religious or charitable organization's bake sale (if allowed by law)

\* As of April 1, 2010 Texas Department of State Health Services is no longer licensing day care facilities as food establishments. For further information please call (512) 834-6626.

## Exemptions from Permitting

Organizations are exempt from permitting if they are:

Licensed by the Texas Department of State Health Services as a food manufacturer AND paying a higher fee; or

Inspected and permitted by a City, County or Public Health District; or

A non-profit registered as a 501(C) organization