



Food Safety at Farmer's Markets In Arlington County

Safe and Wholesome Food Creates Confident, Repeat Customers!


Baked Goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-package or wrap products at the time of baking or before point of sale • For baked goods not pre-packaged: Display an example of baked good (not for resale) with the item to be sold; Use plastic/plexiglass bin or paper/plastic bag or other bulk container to hold items until time of sale; display in front of customer using adequate sneeze barrier • Use gloves, wax paper or utensils when handling non pre-packaged items
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Produce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unprocessed, whole, raw fruits and vegetables shall be clean and free from spoilage • Vendors selling whole, uncut fruits and vegetables do not need a license from the Health department • If product is cut, sliced, or processed, it is considered perishable and a license is required • Products shall be protected from contamination
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General Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animals should not be allowed within the premises • Waste water must be disposed of in an approved manner • Adequate overhead protection
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Perishable Foods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perishable foods include meats, fish, seafood, cheeses, eggs, and dairy products. Without proper temperature control, germs grow more easily • Vendors selling perishable foods must obtain a license from the Health Department • Perishable foods shall be packaged and kept cold (41°F or less) by placing on ice or in mechanical refrigeration. Use only clean, potable ice from an approved source and drain continuously to avoid pooling water • Frozen products must stay frozen • Store raw food separate from food that is ready-to-eat
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General Food Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All food including food ingredients shall come from an approved source • Food Handlers shall not work when ill or experiencing nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fever, sore throat, jaundice, or with an open cut on his/her hand or arm • Food Handlers shall wash hands prior to handling food, after using the restroom, after sneezing, coughing, blowing nose, eating, drinking, smoking, handling money, or touching a part of the body • Product Ingredient lists shall be displayed in plain view for consumer
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