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# Cowlitz County Health Department

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## News Release

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### **Holiday Bazaar Food Safety** *County Health Department Encourages Advanced Planning for Safe Food at Holiday Bazaars and Fairs*

To ensure safe food handling practices are followed, anyone wishing to serve or sell food at upcoming holiday bazaars or other special temporary events must apply to the Cowlitz County Health Department for a temporary food permit at least two weeks in advance of the event. The Health Department needs that time to review the menu and make certain safe food handling practices are planned.

Current information and applications including the list of fees can be obtained online at <http://www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/health/environmentalhealth/food/tempfoodpermits.htm>, or in person at the Health Department. It is important to contact the Health Department early to avoid unexpected changes in food processing and any additional fees. "Fast track" fees are assessed to all applications received less than seven days prior to the event.

The Health Department is located at 1952 9th Ave., Longview. Telephone: (360) 414-5583. Office hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:30 AM to 12 Noon and 1:00 to 4:30 PM and Tuesday 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

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