



## MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS for SPECIAL EVENTS

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control  
Beaufort County Environmental Health Department  
1407 King Street, Beaufort, SC 29902

Phone: 843-525-7627 Fax: 843-770-2079

**FOOD THERMOMETERS** (probe-type) shall read temperatures between 45 and 165 degrees:  
Cold hold, hot hold, and cook temperatures shall be monitored throughout the day.

**FOOD UNITS for COLD HOLD and HOT HOLD** shall be adequately provided:  
Cold food shall be held at 45 degrees or below  
Hot food shall be held at 130 degrees or above.

**FOOD shall be READY TO SERVE or READY TO COOK** at the event site:  
Before arrival, food must be prepared at an approved, enclosed establishment.  
Thawing food is **NOT ACCEPTABLE** at the event site.

**FOOD shall be COOKED to the PROPER TEMPERATURES:**  
145 degrees: Seafood, eggs, & other potentially hazardous foods that require cooking  
155 degrees: Beef and pork  
165 degrees: Poultry, poultry stuffing, meat stuffing, stuffed meats, stuffed pasta

**FOOD shall be REHEATED RAPIDLY** to 165 degrees within one hour,  
if the food has been previously cooked, refrigerated, and is to be served hot at the event.  
Note: Crock pots and steamers are **NOT ACCEPTABLE** for reheating.

**ICE and FOOD** shall be kept in closed, clean, and durable approved containers.  
Styrofoam containers are **NOT ACCEPTABLE**.

**KITCHENWARE, SERVING UTENSILS, ETC.** shall be of sufficient quantities  
and shall be available to change from unclean to clean as necessary.  
Washing, rinsing, and sanitizing kitchenware and utensils at event is **NOT ACCEPTABLE**.  
Exception: permitted mobile food units which are equipped with indoor sinks for W/R/S.  
Serving utensils and scoops shall have handles.

**FOOD ITEMS, KITCHENWARE, UTENSILS, SINGLE SERVICE ITEMS** shall be  
protected from contamination during storage, cooking, display, and service.

**GARBAGE CONTAINERS** shall be in sufficient quantities for collecting all waste.

**WATER SUPPLY HOSES** shall be clearly identified, kept clean, and used for no other purpose.

**WASTE WATER DISCARD BUCKETS** shall be provided for collecting waste water.  
Dumping waste water in storm water drains or on the ground is **NOT ACCEPTABLE**.  
All waste water shall be discarded into an approved sewage disposal system.

**HAND WASHING STATION** shall be easily accessible and provided with soap, paper towels, and  
a container of water that has a spigot which provides an on/off/ & continuous flow of water.  
Note: Push button types are **NOT ACCEPTABLE**.  
Hand sanitizers and gloves may be used as an extra precaution.