

RETAIL SALES

Pre-packaged Food and Coffee

Minimum Construction and Equipment Requirements

The following provides guidance on the minimum construction and equipment requirements for obtaining a health permit for a *Retail food facility, convenience store, service station, or confectionery* selling only pre-packaged food (such as: bottled beverages, pre-packaged candy and snacks) in Allegheny County.

Required commercial food service equipment, refrigeration and utensils must conform to National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) Standards or equivalent. NSF Standards are available for review at the Food Safety Program office.

Commercial Equipment

- Refrigeration
- Equipment for temperature maintenance of foods on display
- Shelving to store food and utensils at least 6 inches off of the floor

Sink Requirements

- Utensil washing (for coffee service): A 1-bowl sink with attached drain board
- A mop sink located within the facility

Restrooms

- A restroom available for employee use within the facility
- Mechanical ventilation
- Self-closing doors

Floors, Walls, & Ceilings

- Smooth, non-absorbent and easily cleanable surfaces constructed of durable materials
- Sealed and covered junctures if greater than 1/32 inch
- Permanently fixed artificial light sources that are shielded and provide at least 20 foot candles of light

For additional information see ***“Article III - Food Safety Rules and Regulations”***

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