

Food vendors at Minneapolis events

To sell or give away food at an event in Minneapolis, you must be invited to participate by the Event Food Sponsor.

Once you have been invited to be part of an event, you will need to:

- Learn what information you need to give your event food sponsor
- Decide if you need to get a Minneapolis food vendor permit

Basic information

Give your event food sponsor your:

- Name
- Business name
- Phone number

Additional information

You may need to give your event food sponsor additional information.

If you have a:

- Minneapolis food truck license
- Minneapolis seasonal food vendor permit
- Cottage Food registration

Additional information to give your event food sponsor:

- Your license number
- Your permit number
- Your registration number

If you are a:

- Product of the Farm vendor Your MDA license number

Food vendor permits

You may need to apply for a short term or seasonal food vendor permit to participate in a Minneapolis event. Find information about each permit in the chart below.

You need a Minneapolis food vendor permit if you have a:

- Food Truck License from Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, or any place outside of Minneapolis
- Restaurant license in any location
- Food cart license
- Catering license
- On-sale Liquor

If you don't have a food business, you can participate using a Minneapolis short term or seasonal food vendor permit.

Differences between short term and seasonal permits

Permit type & fee	Length of permit	Equipment	How to apply	Deadlines
Short Term Permit \$100	Valid for one event only. May not operate more than 10 days in per year	Commercial equipment is not required.	If your event sponsor is using our online process, ask them to send you a link to the application. If they are not using the online process complete the short term application and give it to your event food sponsor.	Submit 2 weeks before event date or late fee applied. If submitted with less than 2 business days to process may be denied or the menu may be limited.
Seasonal Food Permit \$257	Valid for as many events and markets as invited to attend annually. May not operate more than 21 days in one location per year. Expires March 31 st yearly.	Commercial equipment is required.	You may apply multiple ways: -Online application -PDF application that can be mailed, emailed, or applied for in person These are best applied for in the spring before events begin.	Submit 2 weeks before event date or late fee applied. If submitted less with less than 2 business days to process may be denied or the menu may be limited.

Free food safety training

Take our free training for food vendors working at events. The training is available in English and Spanish online 24/7.

[Take our event food safety training](#)

Find the training online. Go to minneapolis.mn.gov, then search for “event food safety training.”

For reasonable accommodations or alternative formats please contact Environmental Health at health@minneapolis.mn.gov or 612-673-2301. People who are deaf or hard of hearing can use a relay service to call 311 at 612-673-3000. TTY users call 612-263-6850.

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