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**Information and resources for your food business.**

[**Change of Ownership**](https://tpchd.org/healthy-places/food-safety/existing-food-businesses/what-you-need-to-know/)

[**Change of Menu or Equipment**](https://tpchd.org/healthy-places/food-safety/opening-a-food-business/)

[**Permits**](https://tpchd.org/healthy-places/food-safety/existing-food-businesses/what-you-need-to-know/)

[**Power Outage**](https://tpchd.org/healthy-places/food-safety/existing-food-businesses/power-outages-at-food-businesses/)

[**Service Animals**](https://tpchd.org/healthy-places/food-safety/service-animals/)

[**Food Advisory Board**](https://tpchd.org/healthy-places/food-safety/food-advisory-board/)

[**Restaurant Inspections**](https://tpchd.org/healthy-places/food-safety/restaurant-inspections/)

[**Water Advisories**](https://tpchd.org/healthy-places/food-safety/existing-food-businesses/water-advisories-at-food-businesses/)

[**Fire**](https://tpchd.org/healthy-places/food-safety/existing-food-businesses/fire-at-food-businesses/)

**Updates to code**

Do you use or serve as a commissary kitchen?

**Washington state food code requires commissaries to have a permit.**

***If the kitchen you use to support your food establishment doesn’t have a Commissary Permit, share this information with them.***

If other operators already use your commissary, you don’t need to do anything. We will send you a 2023 Commissary Permit with no fee. You will need to buy a Commissary Permit in 2024.

**What qualifies as a commissary?**

A commissary kitchen provides space for operators to make, store, portion, or package food. Certain operators must use a commissary:

* Caterers.
* Mobile food operators.
* Temporary event vendors.
* Some to-go style restaurants.

**Benefits of a commissary permit.**

When your business has a commissary permit, you make it easier for food businesses to find a kitchen that supports their operation.

**If you own both a mobile unit and the food establishment it uses as a commissary, you don’t need a commissary permit.**

For example, if own a dine-in restaurant and a food truck, you don’t need a commissary permit. If you want to allow other food businesses to use your kitchen, you need to apply for a permit.

**You don’t need to do anything if other operators already use your commissary kitchen.**

You will receive a 2023 Commissary Permit with no fee. You will need to buy a Commissary Permit in 2024.

If you make a change, you need to submit a plan review application. This includes if you:

* Change your plan facility floor plan or equipment list.
* Add more operators to the kitchen.
* Change ownership.

Planning to open a commissary?

Does your food establishment operate with water tanks instead of being connected to water and sewer?

See more [code changes.](https://tpchd.org/healthy-places/food-safety/existing-food-businesses/new-code-changes/)

**Food Safety Recalls**

**Communications to food establishments**

[Have you checked out our food safety materials?](https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/WATPCHD-3b9df29?wgt_ref=WATPCHD_WIDGET_42)

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[Environmental Health Code Update](https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/WATPCHD-38d5afe?wgt_ref=WATPCHD_WIDGET_42)

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[Expanded recall notice: Coppa brand charcuterie meat products](https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/WATPCHD-38bd4b5?wgt_ref=WATPCHD_WIDGET_42)

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[Environmental Health Code Update](https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/WATPCHD-37ea76f?wgt_ref=WATPCHD_WIDGET_42)

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[Approved 2024 Fee Schedule](https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/WATPCHD-37b9023?wgt_ref=WATPCHD_WIDGET_42)

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[We’re hiring a food safety inspector!](https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/WATPCHD-3718a13?wgt_ref=WATPCHD_WIDGET_42)

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[Protect Your Facility and Customers from Listeria](https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/WATPCHD-3711747?wgt_ref=WATPCHD_WIDGET_42)

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[Ahora puede realizar nuestro curso presencial Gerente de Protección de Alimentos Certificado en español.](https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/WATPCHD-3698207?wgt_ref=WATPCHD_WIDGET_42)

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[Food Bites—Summer 2023](https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/WATPCHD-367a02f?wgt_ref=WATPCHD_WIDGET_42)

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[Washington Hospitality Grants Program now open for applications!](https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/WATPCHD-34ef942?wgt_ref=WATPCHD_WIDGET_42)

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[Food Bites: Winter 2022–23](https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/WATPCHD-340ecff?wgt_ref=WATPCHD_WIDGET_42)

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[New code changes go into effect in 2023.](https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/WATPCHD-33de71b?wgt_ref=WATPCHD_WIDGET_42)

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[Interpreter Services Available During Your Food Safety Inspection](https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/WATPCHD-33ac5d7?wgt_ref=WATPCHD_WIDGET_42)

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[New rates start Jan. 1, 2023](https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/WATPCHD-339a480?wgt_ref=WATPCHD_WIDGET_42)

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[Education Period for 2 New Food Code Rules Extended](https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/WATPCHD-32f0a6e?wgt_ref=WATPCHD_WIDGET_42)

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[New Requirement for Food Establishments without Permanent Plumbing](https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/WATPCHD-329c9fe?wgt_ref=WATPCHD_WIDGET_42)

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[Food Bites: Changes to Food Code, Rating Signs and More!](https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/WATPCHD-31bb82f?wgt_ref=WATPCHD_WIDGET_42)

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[Do not eat, sell or serve recalled Jif peanut butter.](https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/WATPCHD-319bf39?wgt_ref=WATPCHD_WIDGET_42)

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[New Changes to Food Code](https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/WATPCHD-3107c51?wgt_ref=WATPCHD_WIDGET_42)

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[Permit Financial Relief for Pierce County Food Establishments](https://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/WATPCHD-30b4a47?wgt_ref=WATPCHD_WIDGET_42)

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