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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH  
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FOOD ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTION FORM

FACILITY NAME <b>Rancho Taco Shop</b>				DATE 6/22/2021		TIME IN 12:15 PM		TIME OUT 2:15 PM	
ADDRESS 2057 River Rd, Norco, CA 92860				FACILITY DESCRIPTION Not Applicable					
PERMIT HOLDER Tamazula Enterprises				EMAIL services@jcinternational.org				Major Violations 1	
PERMIT # PR0003215	EXPIRATION DATE 10/31/2022	SERVICE Routine inspection	REINSPECTION DATE 6/29/2021	FACILITY PHONE # (951)371-1792	PE 3620	DISTRICT 0054	INSPECTOR NAME Jillian Van Stockum		Points Deducted 15

The conditions listed below correspond to violations of the California Health and Safety Code and/or Riverside County Ordinances and must be corrected as indicated by the enforcement officer. The Department of Environmental Health appreciates your cooperation.

Failure to correct listed violation(s) prior to the designated compliance date may necessitate an additional reinspection at a charge determined by Riverside County Ordinance 640.

**Major / Minor Violations:** Major Violations are those that pose an imminent risk to public health and warrant immediate closure of the food facility or immediate correction. Minor Violations are those violations that do not pose an imminent public health risk, but do warrant correction.  
GRADE REPRESENTS THE FOLLOWING RANGES: A = 100-90 Passed inspection / meets minimum health standards. B = 89-80 Did not pass inspection / does not meet minimum health standards. C = 79-0 Failed inspection / conditions exist which may pose a potential or actual threat to public health and safety. The facility is required to display a grade card in a conspicuous place selected by the Enforcement Officer. The grade card shall not be concealed and can only be removed or relocated by the Enforcement Officer per County Ordinance 492 / County Code Section 8.40.020

**FACILITY  
CLOSED**  
CA HEALTH &  
SAFETY CODE  
SECTION 113960

☒ In = In compliance    ☒ COS = Corrected on-site    ☐ N/O = Not observed    ☐ N/A = Not applicable    ☐ OUT = Out of compliance

DEMONSTRATION OF KNOWLEDGE			COS	MAJ	OUT
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In	N/A	1. Food safety certification Sergio Betancourt - exp. 11/04/2021			2
EMPLOYEE HEALTH AND HYGIENIC PRACTICES					
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In		2. Communicable disease; reporting, restrictions and exclusions		4	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In	N/O	3. No persistent discharge from eyes, nose, and mouth			2
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In	N/O	4. Proper eating, tasting, drinking or tobacco use			2
PREVENTING CONTAMINATION BY HANDS					
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In	N/O	5. Hands clean and properly washed; gloves used properly		4	2
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In		6. Adequate handwashing facilities supplied and accessible			2
TIME AND TEMPERATURE RELATIONSHIPS					
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In	N/O	N/A	7. Proper hot and cold holding temperatures	4	2
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In	N/O	N/A	8. Time as a public health control; procedures and records	4	2
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In	N/O	N/A	9. Proper cooling methods	4	2
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In	N/O	N/A	10. Proper cooking time and temperature	4	2
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In	N/O	N/A	11. Proper reheating procedures for hot holding	4	
PROTECTION FROM CONTAMINATION					
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In	N/O	N/A	12. Returned and re-service of food		2
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In		13. Food: unadulterated, no spoilage, no contamination		4	2
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In	N/O	N/A	14. Food contact surfaces: clean and sanitized	4	2

FOOD FROM APPROVED SOURCES			COS	MAJ	OUT
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In		15. Food obtained from approved sources		4	2
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In	N/O	N/A	16. Compliance with shell stock tags, condition, display		2
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In	N/O	N/A	17. Compliance with Gulf Oyster regulations		2
CONFORMANCE WITH APPROVED PROCEDURES					
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In		N/A	18. Compliance with variance, specialized process, and HACCP plan		2
CONSUMER ADVISORY					
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In		N/A	19. Written disclosure and reminder statements provided for raw or undercooked foods		1
SCHOOL AND HEALTHCARE PROHIBITED FOODS					
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In		N/A	20. Licensed health care facilities / public and private schools; prohibited foods not offered	4	2
WATER / HOT WATER					
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In		21. Hot and cold water available Water Temperature above 120 F°F		4	2
LIQUID WASTE DISPOSAL					
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In		22. Sewage and wastewater properly disposed		4	2
VERMIN					
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In		23. No rodents, insects, birds, or animals		4	2
<input checked="" type="radio"/> In	N/A	24. Vermin proofing, air curtains, self-closing doors			1

SUPERVISION / PERSONAL CLEANLINESS		OUT
25. Person in charge present and performs duties, demonstration of knowledge		2
26. Personal cleanliness and hair restraints		1
GENERAL FOOD SAFETY REQUIREMENTS		
27. Approved thawing methods, frozen food storage		1
28. Food separated and protected from contamination		2
29. Washing fruits and vegetables		1
30. Toxic substances properly identified, stored, used		1
FOOD STORAGE / DISPLAY / SERVICE		
31. Adequate food storage; food storage containers identified		1
32. Consumer self-service		1
33. Food properly labeled; honestly presented; menu labeling		1

EQUIPMENT / UTENSILS / LINENS		OUT
34. Utensils and equipment approved, good repair		1
35. Warewashing: installed, maintained, proper use, test materials		1
36. Equipment / utensils: installed, clean, adequate capacity		1
37. Equipment, utensils, and linens: storage and use		1
38. Adequate ventilation and lighting; designated areas, use		1
39. Thermometers provided and accurate		1
40. Wiping cloths: properly used and stored		1
PHYSICAL FACILITIES		
41. Plumbing: properly installed, good repair		1
42. Refuse properly disposed; facilities maintained		1
43. Toilet facilities: properly constructed, supplied, cleaned		1
44. Premises; personal item storage and cleaning item storage		1

PERMANENT FOOD FACILITIES		OUT
45. Floors, walls, ceilings: good repair / fully enclosed		1
46. Floors, walls, and ceilings: clean		1
47. No unapproved private homes / living or sleeping quarters		1
SIGNS / REQUIREMENTS		
48. Last inspection report available		
49. Food Handler certifications available, current, and complete		1
50. Grade card and signs posted, visible		
COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT		
51. Plans approved / submitted		
52. Permit available / current		
53. Permit suspended / revoked		1
54. Voluntary condemnation		1
55. Impound		1



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5. HANDS CLEAN & PROPERLY WASHED; GLOVES USED PROPERLY

POINTS

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Inspector Comments:

1) Observed an employee to remove a soiled single-use glove, spray dishes with water, and put the same soiled single-use glove back on their hand. Immediately discontinue this practice. Never reuse single-use gloves. Ensure single-use gloves are discarded into the trash once removed. The usage of gloves does not replace the necessity of handwashing. Ensure gloves are changed at any time tasks change or the gloves have been contaminated. Any time gloves are removed, the hands are to be washed prior to a new pair being donned. Ensure employees wash their hands for a minimum of 10-15 seconds with warm water (100°F) and soap any time tasks change, an unsanitary act has been conducted, or any time the hands have been contaminated.

2) Observed the caulking of the handwash station to be deteriorated and gapping. Make the necessary repairs in an approved manner to eliminate gapping and provide a surface which is clean, durable, nonabsorbent, and easily cleanable.

**Violation Description:** Employees hands and exposed arms shall be kept clean, with fingernails properly trimmed. Employees are required to properly wash their hands: before handling food, equipment, or utensils; as often as necessary during food preparation, to remove soil and contamination; when switching from working with raw to ready-to-eat food; before putting on gloves and working with food; after touching body parts; after using toilet room; or any time when contamination may occur. Employees shall minimize bare hand and arm contact with non-prepackaged food that is in ready-to-eat form. Whenever gloves are worn, they shall be changed or replaced as often as handwashing is required. Approved hand sanitizer can be used in addition to proper handwashing. (113952, 113953.3, 113953.4, 113961, 113968, 113973)

7. PROPER HOT & COLD HOLDING TEMPERATURES

⚠ CRITICAL ⚠

POINTS

4

Inspector Comments:

Observed the following regarding improper holding temperatures in refrigeration units the person in charge (PIC) advised had been inoperable since the weekend (3-4 days prior):

- 1) walk-in cooler to hold internal temperatures measuring 57 F
  - a) raw beef, cooked rice, cooked beef, sour cream, and raw shell eggs held great than 4 hours were discarded (see violation 54)
  - b) PIC advised various sauces, cheeses, meats, and a box of raw shell eggs were delivered to the facility 2 hours prior. Raw meats were relocated into the 3-door freezer, meats, cheeses, sauces, and eggs were transported to Tamazula Baja Grill (PR0066920), located less than 3 miles away under the same ownership, for proper cold-holding.
- 2) cold-top prep cooler to hold internal temperatures measuring 46 F
  - a) taquitos, bacon, and french fries held greater than 4 hours were discarded (see violation 54)
  - b) PIC advised various sauces, cheeses, and meats were delivered to the facility 2 hours prior. These items were transported to Tamazula Baja Grill (PR0066920) for proper cold-holding.

Ensure all cold-held foods are maintained at or below 41°F. Ensure employees regularly verify display thermometer readings and verify internal temperatures of foods held inside all cooler units. The unit is hereby impounded (see violation 55) and a red impound tag was posted. Do not resume use of this unit until the unit has been repaired, an employee of this Department has verified the repairs, and written approval to resume use of the unit has been provided. Failure to comply will result in further enforcement action, including but not limited to Administrative Citation.

**Violation Description:** Potentially hazardous food shall be held at or below 41°F / 45°F or at or above 135°F. Potentially hazardous food removed from proper holding temperature during preparation must be returned to proper temperature within 2 hours. Potentially hazardous food shall be received at proper temperature without evidence of temperature abuse. (113996, 113998, 114037)

23. NO RODENTS, INSECTS, BIRDS, OR ANIMALS

POINTS

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Inspector Comments:

NOTE: Observed numerous flies throughout the facility, including inside the walk-in cooler. Eliminate the activity of flies from the food facility by using only approved methods. Remove all evidence of activity and thoroughly clean and sanitize all affected surfaces. Maintain and operate the food facility so as to prevent the entrance and harborage of animals, birds and vermin including, but not limited to, rodents and insects.

**Violation Description:** Each food facility shall be kept free of vermin. Only approved animals, such as service animals or decorative fish in aquariums, are permitted inside a food facility. (114259.1, 114259.4, 114259.5)

28. FOOD SEPARATED AND PROTECTED FROM CONTAMINATION

POINTS

2

Inspector Comments:

Observed numerous containers of food items throughout the facility to be stored without lids or protective coverings. Ensure all food items are stored in approved, smooth, easily-cleanable containers covered with tight fitting lids or protective coverings at all times except when in immediate use to prevent potential contamination.

**Violation Description:** All food shall be separated and protected from contamination. (113984, 113986, 114060, 114067(a, d, e), 114069(a, d), 114073, 114077, 114089.1(c), 114143(c))



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34. UTENSILS AND EQUIPMENT APPROVED, GOOD REPAIR

POINTS

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Inspector Comments:

- 1) Observed accumulated buildup and deterioration of the shelving at the front service area. Repair/replace the shelving to provide surfaces which are smooth, durable, non-absorbent, and easily cleanable. Maintain clean and in good repair.
- 2) Observed the left door handle of the 2-door upright freezer to be broken. Repair/replace the handle. Equipment surfaces must be smooth, non-absorbent, durable, and easily cleanable. (i.e. raw wood, surfaces with gaps or crevices, etc.)
- 3) Observed peeling electrical tape wrapped around the handle of the vegetable dicer. Electrical tape is not an approved repair method. Equipment surfaces must be smooth, non-absorbent, durable, and easily cleanable.
- 4) Observed a blue film on the exterior of the microwave at the cooks line as well as a peeling, soiled white film on the shelf under the rear prep table. Remove the film to provide a surface which is smooth, durable, non-absorbent, and easily cleanable.

\*NOTE: The above listed are chronically repeat violations.

5) Observed cooked rice inside an unapproved plastic to-go bag inside the microwave for reheating as well as single-use plastic containers reused to store sauces in the walk-in cooler. Discontinue using unapproved materials. Equipment and utensils must be commercial grade and approved by ANSI, or another testing company certified by American National Standards Institute or by this Agency. Equipment surfaces must be smooth, non-absorbent, durable, and easily cleanable. (i.e. raw wood, surfaces with gaps or crevices, etc.)

**Violation Description:** All utensils and equipment shall be approved and in good repair. (114130, 114130.1-114130.6, 114132, 114133, 114137, 114175, 114177, 114257)

36. EQUIPMENT / UTENSILS PROPERLY INSTALLED, CLEAN;ADEQUATE CAPACITY

POINTS

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Inspector Comments:

- 1) Observed excessive accumulation of grease and debris on the canopy walls and ventilation filter pads of the cooks line hood. Maintain all portions of a cooks line hood clean, tight fitting, and in good repair. Ensure hood vent filters are maintained clean and free of accumulation of dust, dirt, food residues, and other debris to ensure proper ventilation.

\*NOTE: This is a chronically repeat violation.

- 2) Observed the food contact blades of the dicer to be encrusted with food debris and stored as clean for use. Ensure all equipment and utensils are properly washed, rinsed, and sanitized as well as clean to sight and touch prior to being stored as clean.

**Violation Description:** All utensils and equipment shall be clean and installed in an approved manner. Equipment type and quantity shall be adequate for the operation.(114115, 114130.3, 114139, 114153, 114163, 114165, 114167, 114169, 114175, 114180, 114182, 114257)

37. EQUIPMENT, UTENSILS, LINENS: STORAGE AND USE

POINTS

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Inspector Comments:

NOTE: Observed equipment and food containers stored directly on the floor in the warewash area. Elevate all items at least 6 inches off the floor to prevent potential contamination and to allow ease of access for thorough cleaning. If items are too heavy to elevate on shelving, casters may be used for ease of mobility.

\*NOTE: This is a chronically repeated violation.

**Violation Description:** Utensils and equipment shall be handled and stored in an approved manner, protected from contamination. All clean and soiled linen shall be properly stored. (114067(h), 114074, 114081, 114083, 114119, 114121, 114143(a-b), 114161, 114172, 114178, 114179, 114185, 114185.2, 114185.3, 114185.4, 114185.5)



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40. WIPING CLOTHS: PROPERLY USED AND STORED

POINTS

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**Inspector Comments:**

Observed soiled, damp multi-use wiping cloths stored on the prep tables and equipment throughout the facility, stored tucked into employee apron and belts, and used to line surfaces under equipment. Store wiping cloths fully submerged in an approved sanitizer solution (e.g., 100 ppm chlorine or 200 ppm quaternary ammonium) between uses, or provide a clean cloth for each use. Do not line surfaces with any materials which are not easily cleanable. If desired, replace these unacceptable materials with durable, smooth, non-absorbent material (like fiberglass reinforced plastic or a cutting board) that is easily cleanable.

\*NOTE: This is a chronically repeated violation.

**Violation Description:** Wiping cloths used to clean food spills shall be used only once, unless stored in an approved concentration of sanitizer solution and laundered daily. (114135, 114185.1, 114185.3(d-e))

44. PREMISES; PERSONAL ITEM STORAGE AND CLEANING ITEM STORAGE

POINTS

1

**Inspector Comments:**

Observed employee items (e.g. keys, beverages, foods, etc.) stored on the shelving racks amongst facility foods and equipment. Discontinue storing personal food/belongings mixed with facility food/equipment. Only store in a designated employee area away from facility food and equipment preparation, washing, or storage areas.

\*NOTE: This is a chronically repeated violation.

**Violation Description:** Lockers or another approved area for personal belongings shall be provided. The premises of each food facility shall be kept clean and free of litter and items that are unnecessary to the operation or maintenance of the facility. At least one janitorial sink with hot and cold running water shall be provided. Cleaning supplies and equipment shall be stored separate from food and food-related areas. Mops shall be stored in such a way that allows air-drying. (114123, 114256, 114256.1, 114256.2, 114256.4, 114257.1, 114279, 114281, 114282)

45. FLOORS, WALLS, CEILING: GOOD REPAIR / FULLY ENCLOSED

POINTS

1

**Inspector Comments:**

1) Observed gapping between the stainless steel paneling of the cooks line wall as well as the sealant along the metal panel junctures of the cooks line hood to be deteriorated and gapping. Eliminate all gaps and crevices to prevent potential vermin entrance and harborage areas.

\*NOTE: This is a chronically repeated violation.

2) Observed the grout between floor tiles to be receding throughout the warewash and cooks line area. Repair the floor grout to provide durable, smooth, nonabsorbent, and washable surfaces maintained in good repair.

3) Observed a floor drain cover to be missing at the cooks line, creating a 2-inch diameter hole in the floor. Install a drain cover and maintain secure.

\*NOTE: The above listed are repeat violations.

4) Observed a ceiling tile above the food prep sink to be gapping as well as exposed steel wool wedged into gaps of the base cove tiles located at the door frame between the front service area and the kitchen as well as the base cove tiles below the warewash station to be broken. Make the necessary repairs in an approved manner to eliminate gaps and provide approved surfaces which are smooth, durable, nonabsorbent, easily cleanable, and resistant to vermin entrance and harborage.

5) Observed the paint on the wall above the 3-compartment warewash station to be peeling. Make the necessary repairs in an approved manner to provide a surface which is smooth, durable, nonabsorbent, and easily cleanable.

6) Observed dangling, soiled duct tape on the sides of the fan box above the 3-compartment warewash station. Removed unapproved materials and maintain clean.

**Violation Description:** The floors, walls, ceilings finishes must be of an approved material, durable, smooth, nonabsorbent, and easily cleanable. Food facilities shall be fully enclosed. (114143 (d), 114257, 114266, 114268, 114271, 114272)



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46. FLOORS, WALLS, AND CEILINGS: CLEAN

POINTS

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Inspector Comments:

Observed accumulated food debris and buildup along the floor-wall juncture of the janitorial and rear prep areas as well as encrusted grease and debris along the floor-wall juncture of the cooks line and accumulated dust on the walls and ceiling throughout the facility. The floors, walls, ceilings of a food facility shall be maintained clean.

\*NOTE: This is a repeat violation.

Violation Description: Floors, walls, and ceilings shall be maintained clean. (114257, 114268.1)

49. FOOD HANDLER CERTIFICATIONS AVAILABLE, CURRENT, COMPLETE

POINTS

1

Inspector Comments:

Observed all Food Handler Certificates on file for active employees to be expired. All employees who handle food, utensils, or food equipment shall have a valid Riverside County Food Handler Certificate within one week of commencing work. (Certified Food Managers are exempted from this requirement)

Violation Description: County of Riverside Environmental Health Food Handler Certification(s) are available and current for all employees who prepare, store, or serve exposed food. (Riverside County Ordinance 567)

53. PERMIT SUSPENDED / REVOKED

POINTS

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Inspector Comments:

Inadequate Refrigeration

Violation Description: If an imminent health hazard is observed, an enforcement officer may temporarily suspend the permit and order the food facility immediately closed. (114405, 114409)

54. VOLUNTARY CONDEMNATION

POINTS

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Inspector Comments:

The following were discarded into the trash:

- 150 lbs. raw beef
- 20 lbs. cooked rice
- 15 lbs. cooked beef
- 1/2 gal. sour cream
- 140 raw shell eggs
- 20 taquitos
- 5 lbs. uncooked bacon
- 3 lbs. french fries

Violation Description: I, as the person in charge, hereby voluntarily agree to the condemnation and destruction of the food(s) listed in this report, said food(s) being alleged unfit for human consumption and in violation of California Health and Safety Code, Section 113980. I hereby release the County of Riverside, Department of Environmental Health and authorized agents from any and all responsibility.

55. IMPOUND

POINTS

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Inspector Comments:

You are hereby notified that the cold-top prep cooler at the cooks line and the walk-in cooler have been determined to be in disrepair, and therefore, are impounded on 06/22/2021 under the provisions of the California Health and Safety Code, Division 104, Chapter 6, Article 1, Section 114130. The impounded items may be released by correcting the violation and contacting this office for verification of compliance. If the impounded items were removed from your food facilities by a representative of Environmental Health, failure to contact this office within thirty days from the date of this notice (07/22/2021), will be deemed a waiver of your interest in the impounded items and they may be discarded without further notice (See Violation 7).

Violation Description: Use impounded equipment or food may result in legal action. Removal of the impound tag is an interference with the performance of an Enforcement Officer's duties and an unlawful act per California Health and Safety Code, Section 114393.

Overall Inspection Comments



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At this time, this facility has failed to meet the minimum requirements of the California Health and Safety Code (85 = B) and is closed due to inadequate refrigeration (see Violation 7). A reinspection will be set for one week (06/29/2021). Ensure violations listed on this report are corrected by this date in order to be re-scored. "Facility Closed" sign posted. "B" card posted. "A" card removed. "B" card and "Facility Closed" must remain posted until removed by an employee of this Department. Contact J. Van Stockum with any questions at (951)273-9140 and/or JVanStockum@rivcoeh.org.

**Did you know** that effective January 1, 2018, the California Health and Safety Code was amended to make it easier for food facilities to donate food? Please consider donating your excess food product to a local food bank, pantry, or soup kitchen. As a good faith food donor, you are protected from civil and criminal liability if the food product later causes harm to its recipient, unless the injury is a direct result of gross negligence or intentional misconduct in the preparation or handling of the donated food. See Section 171425 of the Civil Code and Sections 114432 to 114434 inclusive of the Health and Safety Code. For more information visit our website at [www.rivcoeh.org](http://www.rivcoeh.org).

**Signature**

Arnold Mendoza  
Person in Charge  
06/22/2021

Jillian Van Stockum  
Environmental Health Specialist  
06/22/2021



## REASONS FOR IMMEDIATE CLOSURE OF A FOOD FACILITY

Per California Health and Safety Code Section 114409 (a):

"If any imminent health hazard is found, unless the hazard is immediately corrected, an enforcement officer may temporarily suspend the permit and order the food facility immediately closed."

A food facility may be closed for any of the following reasons:

- Overflowing sewage (inside or outside the facility)
- No potable water
- No hot water
- No electricity
- Rodent or insect infestation
- Any other conditions at the facility that may create an imminent public health risk

In addition to the reasons above, Per California Health and Safety Code Section 114411:

"The enforcement agency may, after providing opportunity for a hearing, modify, suspend, or revoke a permit for serious or repeated violations of any requirement of this part or for interference in the performance of the duty of the enforcement officer."

No foil or cardboard  
on shelves!



## PROPER FOOD STORAGE IN REFRIGERATORS AND FREEZERS

Ready-to-Eat  
Food

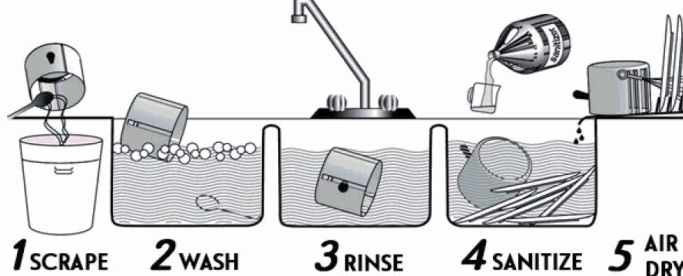
Cooked  
Food

Raw Meat,  
Raw Eggs

Store cooked and ready-to-eat food above raw food to avoid cross-contamination.  
Keep all food covered to prevent contamination

## MANUAL SANITIZING OF EQUIPMENT AND UTENSILS USING A THREE COMPARTMENT SINK

1. **SCRAPE**, clean, or soak items as necessary before washing.
2. **WASH** items in detergent and hot water of at least 100°F in the first sink.
3. **RINSE** items in clear water in the second sink.
4. **SANITIZE** by submerging each item in a sanitizing solution in the third sink. Use one of the following sanitizing methods:
  - 100ppm of a chlorine based sanitizer for a minimum of 30 seconds in the solution
  - 200ppm of a quaternary ammonium based sanitizer for a minimum of 60 seconds in the solution
  - 25ppm of an iodine based sanitizer for a minimum of 60 seconds in the solution
  - Water at a temperature of 171°F for a minimum of 30 seconds in solution
5. **AIR DRY** all items on the drain board.



## PROPER COOLING OF FOOD IN YOUR FACILITY

Potentially hazardous foods should always be rapidly cooled.

### TIME IS THE KEY FACTOR IN PROPER COOLING

- Foods must cool from 135°F to 70°F in 2 hours or less
- Foods must cool from 70°F to 41°F in 4 hours or less

Use one of the following methods to cool food properly:

- Break large foods down into smaller portions and place in shallow pans no more than 4 inches deep. Metal pans cool better than glass or plastic pans.
- Add ice as an ingredient to replace water used in the recipe.
- Place foods within an ice bath and frequently stir the foods to speed the cooling process.
- Loosely cover foods so that heat and steam can escape during cooling.
- Arrange containers within a refrigeration unit so that air can flow properly around containers.
- Use special equipment like chill paddles or blast chillers to rapidly bring down food temperature.

Use an accurate thermometer to verify the food is being cooled within proper timeframes.

## PROPER FOOD THAWING METHODS



1. Under refrigeration
2. In a microwave oven on "defrost"
3. Submerged under cold running water in an approved preparation sink for no longer than 2 hours
4. As part of the cooking process



## INTERNAL COOKING TEMPERATURES

Use a probe thermometer to take internal cooking temperatures

<b>135°F</b> for 15 seconds	<b>145°F</b> for 15 seconds	<b>145°F</b> for 15 seconds	<b>145°F</b> for 15 seconds	<b>155°F</b> for 15 seconds	<b>155°F</b> for 15 seconds	<b>165°F</b> for 15 seconds	<b>165°F</b> for 15 seconds

Food temperature cannot be felt - use your probe thermometer!



## FOR QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS CONTACT YOUR LOCAL AREA OFFICE

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**HEMET**  
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Hemet, CA 92545  
Phone 951-766-2824  
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