



TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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**Consumer and Industry
Services**

REQUEST OPENING INSPECTION FOR RETAIL OR MANUFACTURING PERMITS.

Once your plans have been approved through the TN Dept of Agriculture, Consumer and Industry Services, you must contact this office to request an opening inspection a minimum of two weeks prior to your anticipated opening date. At this inspection, our staff will ensure your business is compliant with the Retail Food Store Sanitation Chapter 0080-04-09 or 21 CFR 117 Current Manufacturing Practice, Hazard Analysis, and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Human Food as is applicable for the facility requesting the inspection.

At this initial inspection, you will be required to provide proof of an approved water and waste water system. For public (municipal) systems a copy of the water and sewerage bill or an application for water and sewerage for the location will be acceptable. Additional information will be required if you operate from an on-site well or waste water septic system.

The TN Dept of Agriculture, Consumer and Industry Services, is the exclusive regulatory and permitting authority for any person business or corporation engaged in manufacturing, processing, packing, holding or preparing food or selling food at wholesale or retail. Food is considered to include, but is not limited to, all prepackaged grocery items, prepared food, packaged ice, bottled or vended water, vitamin and mineral dietary supplements, candy and other snack foods, soda and infant formula.

Notification of the facility's readiness can be done by contacting TDA's Consumer and Industry Services main office at (615) 837-5193 or emailing them at NewFood.business@TN.gov or mailing notification

Tennessee Department of Agriculture
Consumer and Industry Services
Attn: Food and Dairy
P.O. Box 40627
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Once notified, an inspector will touch base with you within a week or two depending on their workplan to schedule an inspection appointment. We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to doing business with you.