



Please be advised that these food items were prepared in a kitchen or inspected by the McHenry County Department of Health.

***Having a
BAKE SALE?
What you need to know.***

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PREPARING FOR YOUR BAKE SALE . . .

The Food Ordinance for McHenry County (Article IV) allows for charitable and non-profit agencies to sponsor bake sales **without** obtaining a food permit, provided the following criteria is met:

- ◆ Foods that are prepared are non-potentially hazardous.
- AND**
- ◆ The consumer is informed by a clearly visible placard at the sale location that the foods were made in a kitchen not subject to regulations and inspection by the local health department. (Use reverse side.)

The sale of other food items is allowable, provided that a temporary health permit is obtained from the Health Department.

The McHenry County Department of Health offers the following recommendations:

PACKAGING

The baked goods should be pre-portioned and wrapped (i.e. plastic wrap) prior to the event. This eliminates the need for a hand washing station, and the need to clean and sanitize utensils at the site. All food containers need to be constructed of food grade material.

LABELLING

All of the baked goods should be labeled with product names and a list of ingredients. This is helpful to individuals who may have foods allergies or sensitivities. The food label may be in the form of an attached label on the package, a placard, or as a recipe that is available to the consumer.

POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS FOODS are defined as foods which are capable of supporting the rapid growth of microorganisms. Examples include foods that consist in whole or in part of milk, high protein foods, shelled eggs, meat and fish.

Allowable Items	Items to Avoid- Potentially Hazardous
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cookies Cupcakes Cakes Fruit Pies Candies Confectioneries Caramel apples Breads Commercially pre-packaged juices, pop, water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Custard filled items (ex. eclairs, cream puffs) Egg based or custard pies (ex. pumpkin, meringue, custard pie, cheesecakes) Cream or cream based products (ex. whipped cream or cream cheese frosting)

***Remember – Other home prepared foods (i.e. home canned goods, jams, or jellies, flavored oils or vinegar's, etc.) are prohibited.**

TIPS	TIPS	TIPS	TIPS	TIPS	TIPS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A waste container should be provided to prevent litter at the site. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the event is held outdoors, a canopy should be provided over the bake sale area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you have any questions about allowable food items or Department requirements, please consult with Health Department staff prior to the event. 			