

What is a Compact Mobile Food Operation (CMFO)?

A CMFO is a new type of mobile food facility that is **unenclosed, nonmotorized**, and sells **whole produce, prepackaged food**, and/or conducts **limited food preparation**.



Easier to Get a Health Permit

As of January 1, 2023, the law was updated to make it easier to obtain a health permit for sidewalk food vendors and first-time entrepreneurs. **Certain operations may even be exempt.** Becoming a permitted food vendor shows the community that the food you sell is less likely to make people sick.

GETTING STARTED

Contra Costa Environmental Health is ready to assist you. Bilingual staff and translation services are available to help answer questions and guide you through the permit process. Additional information is also available online at <https://www.cchealth.org/health-and-safety-information/restaurant-inspections/food-safety> or scan QR code below.

To apply for a health permit or schedule a free consultation, please contact us:

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COMPACT MOBILE FOOD OPERATION

Sidewalk Food Vendor Information



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NO PERMIT REQUIRED

- Whole, uncut produce and/or commercially pre-packaged, non-potentially hazardous food only
- 25 ft² or less display area and back-up inventory, in total
- Food is from an approved source
- Overhead protection
- Proper food storage at least 6" off ground



PERMIT REQUIRED

Pre-packaged, non-potentially hazardous food, more than 25 ft²

Pre-packaged, potentially hazardous food

Limited Food Preparation (no raw meat)

Limited Food Preparation (with raw meat)

REQUIREMENTS

Access to commissary Options include: permitted permanent food facilities, churches, and community centers

Food is from an approved source

Overhead protection

Proper food storage At least 6" off ground

Mechanical Refrigeration/Integral Equipment
Unsold food discarded at end of day



Food Handler Card
3 compartment sink (Not required if extra utensils provided AND no handling of raw meat)
Handwash sink (Warm water not required if no handling of raw meat)

Immediate service only

