



County of San Diego

Food Permits

If you intend to sell, serve, give away, or sample food or consumable products, including water or other beverages, at a public event, you must obtain a Temporary Food Facility Sponsor Permit. Additionally, each food vendor at your event must also have a Temporary Food Facility Vendor Permit. Different permits, policies and procedures depend on your classification and the number of days of your event. As part of the food handling requirements, you are required to include public safety features in your event plans such as hand-washing sinks.

The County of San Diego Department of Environmental Health issues food permits. You can obtain information at www.co.san-diego.ca.us/deh/doing_business/forms.html

Temporary Use Permit

A Temporary Use Permit (TUP) applies to the use of private property and can allow certain uses, for limited time periods, in locations where the uses would not otherwise be allowed in the applicable zone. A Temporary Use Permit may be issued for the following uses:

- Retail sales related to seasonal activities, such as holidays
- Temporary public assembly and entertainment uses
- Temporary telecommunication facilities intended to provide service to citywide public events

At the sole discretion of the City of San Diego, events proposed to take place on private property that meet the qualifications for a TUP may be required to apply for a Citywide Special Event Permit due to the location, complexity, or other unique circumstances related to the event. Additional information can be obtained at www.sandiego.gov/development/services/industry/pdf/infobulletin/ib533.pdf