

MINIMUM FOOD HYGIENE REQUIREMENTS FOR FOOD STALLS WITHIN THE SHIRE OF MURRAY

In any area where food is to be prepared or exposed and displayed for sale to the public, such area shall be suitably screened and treated for dust suppression, to the satisfaction of Council's Environmental Health Officer.

Depending upon the nature of food and the extent of handling or preparation involved, a number of the following conditions may be required to be complied with in the construction and operation of a particular stall:-

1. If the stall is situated on other than an approved grassed area, the floor shall be vinyl sheeting, canvas, timber sheeting, or other approved material.
2. Walls – tarpaulin, vinyl sheeting, timber, or other approved material.
3. Ceiling – same as for Walls.
4. Fly screening – of suitable material.
5. Hand Washing Facilities – portable water storage container, with soap and disposable hand paper towels.
6. Food Preparation Benches – impervious working surfaces, free of cracks and crevices.
7. Food Storage – to be clear of the ground or floor covering and protected against contamination and spoilage.
8. All food exposed for sale shall be effectively protected from contamination from such exterior sources as dust, flies, human breath or smoking.
9. All cooked foods shall be stored at temperatures of 60°C or above, i.e. bain maries.
10. All uncooked perishable food shall be stored at temperatures of 5°C or below, i.e. refrigerators, freezers or other approved means.
11. Where practicable, utensils are to be used instead of hands in handling food, e.g. tongs, etc.
12. Rubbish Bins – suitable approved fly proof receptacles to be provided by stall holders for the deposit of rubbish.
13. Clothing – all food handlers to be clothed in clean, neat apparel and preferably wearing a clean, light coloured apron.
14. Personal Hygiene – observance of personal hygiene – hand washing, finger nails, hair net and hat. **NO SMOKING!**
15. Supervision – any child under the age of 16 years and who is engaged in food handling, shall be supervised by an adult in attendance at the stall.

NOTE: *Stall holders are required to comply with the Shire of Murray Local Laws relating to Stallholders Trading in Public Places.*

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Manager Environmental Health Services