



Community Kitchens

How to find a DEC-permitted kitchen

If you're considering processing food to sell to the public, you may need to prepare the product in a kitchen with a current DEC permit.

First, contact the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to determine the requirements for the type of food you will process:



www.dec.alaska.gov/eh/fss/Food/sanstaff.htm

Next, to find a DEC-permitted kitchen in your area that might be available for your independent use, follow these steps:

1. Go to www.DEC.Alaska.gov.
2. Scroll down the page to the “Environmental Health” box and click on “Food Safety & Sanitation.”
3. In the menu bar at the bottom of the banner, scroll over “How Do I” to get a drop down menu and click on “View an Inspection Report.”
4. Click on “Food Permit Search.”

If you are looking for a specific kitchen:

5. Select the “oo-All Permit Type Codes” and click “Continue.”
6. Put the facility name in the “Permit Name” box.
7. Select the community.
8. Click “Submit Query” and look for the facility in the results.

Note: If you don't find the facility in the results, go back to [step 6](#) and put the name in the “Corporation Name” to see if there are any results.

If the facility you're searching for isn't on the results list, it is most likely not DEC-permitted. You can call the **Food Safety Hotline at 1-877-233-3663** for more information about whether that kitchen has been permitted in the past, and what it might take to get them re-permitted.



Idea: offer to help a kitchen become permitted or re-permitted in exchange for an agreement to use the kitchen.

If you are looking for all kitchens that might be available in your community:

If you're in a small community, search for all permitted kitchens by putting only your community name into the search.

If you're in a larger community, the following Permit Types, selected in step 5 above, are good ones to search in case their kitchen is not being regularly used:

- FE-1 School Food Service
- FF-2 Church/Institution Food Service
- FN-5 Caterer

Once you have found a potential kitchen to use:

- Contact the facility directly to determine if they will allow use of their kitchen for your purposes, and whether they have guidelines, rules, or fees.
- Work with the UAF Cooperative Extension Service to build your new food production business:



www.uaf.edu/ces/foods/kitchen/ or 907-474-5391



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