



Farmer's Markets

Farmer's markets are used primarily for the distribution and sale directly to consumers of food by farmers and other producers. These are considered temporary food establishments in the City of Garland and food vendors are required to obtain a temporary food permit prior to conveyance of food.

Temporary Food Permits are required for the following:

- Ungraded or graded yard eggs
- Licensed cheese or hard raw milk cheese
- USDA inspected meat or poultry
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Licensed or Texas Department of Agriculture licensed fish or other cultured species
- Food Trucks/Trailers or food booths with or without time or temperature controlled for safety (TCS) foods
- Supplement sampling (Herbalife, Plexus, etc.)
- Nonprofit food or drink vendors
- State-licensed manufactured, prepackaged foods with or without sampling

Temporary Food Permits are NOT required for the following:

- Whole intact produce
- Cottage food production operations
- Small honey production operations

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a sample?

A sample is defined as an unpackaged bite size portion, not a full serving.

Do I need a permit for sampling?

No. A permit is not required for sampling.

Can raw milk be sold or conveyed?

No. Raw milk cannot be sold, sampled, or conveyed in any way.

Do I need to have food handler's card or food manager certification?

Food handler's or food manager certifications are required for any kind of food preparation.

Can I submit my application and fee to the inspector on the day of the event?

No. Applications and fees must be submitted at least 48 business hours prior to the event start date.

Can I sell or convey pet or animal food products?

The Garland Health Department does not regulate pet or animal food products. You will need to contact the Office of the Texas State Chemists, Texas Feed and Fertilizer Control Service at (979) 845-1121. You can visit the Office of the Texas State Chemist website for more information. You can also visit the Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Pet Foods web page for more information.