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Rules for Outdoor Events

All Food Vendors Must Have:

- Hand sanitizer, soap, and paper towels.
- Stem thermometer as well as thermometers in all cooling units.
- All food must be at least 6 inches off the floor/ground and covered at all times.
- Temperatures must be 41 degrees or cooler for cold hold, 0 degrees or below for frozen items, and 135 degrees or higher for hot hold items. Some examples of cooking temperatures are: Hamburger meat 155 degrees, Brisket 160 degrees, Sausage 160 degrees, and Turkey Legs 165 degrees.
- Crock pots and warmers should have proper lids provided. Do not use plastic wrap or aluminum foil.
- All outdoor barbeque pits must have lid covers.
- All foods must be thoroughly cooked. Turkey legs are often still frozen on the inside when you put them on to cook. They may appear to be done on the outside but the inside may still be raw or not sufficiently cooked. Make sure they are properly cooked through and through.
- All foods must be cooked on site. You cannot cook at home and bring it to the bbq site. If you are a restaurant owner you are permitted to cook at the restaurant and bring it to the site. You must properly transport the foods in approved containers at the proper temperatures.
- There will be no asado or tamales permitted.
- Outside food tent booths must have a roof and sides provided. The sides may be rolled up if weather permits.
- Mobile units must have commercial vent-a-hoods at 45 degree angles and properly vented through the roof. It must have a 2 or 3 compartment sink with a hand sink and hot and cold running water.
- All waste water must be properly drained into the proper sewage system.
- Children in diapers or training pants will not be allowed in food booths due to safety and health concerns. Older children are allowed.
- Tree trunks used as cutting boards are not allowed on the premises.
- Sternos are not allowed.
- Remember, if you don't have your permit come by the Health Department as soon as possible. It is a requirement of operation that you pay for a permit, when operating in Ector County.