

LABELING REQUIREMENTS FOR FOOD PRODUCTS PACKAGED IN A FOOD ESTABLISHMENT

The Health District only regulates individuals or businesses that produce packaged foods for retail sale in their own facility. If you produce packaged foods for wholesale sales, please contact the Washington State Department of Agriculture at (360) 902-1876 to obtain a wholesale license and learn about wholesale labeling requirements.

If you are a retailer and/or produce packaged food products (sandwiches, pizzas, salads, baked goods, etc.) you must comply with the following labeling requirements:

- Each food product must be individually labeled. The label must be clear, conspicuous, and made of food grade materials;
- Each label must have a statement of product identification. This must be either the common or the usual name of the food in English;
- Each label must have the net weight in both grams and ounces;
- Each label must contain the name and address of the manufacturer, packer, or distributor. The label must list street address, city, state, and zip code;
- Each label must list ingredients (common or usual names) in descending order of predominance by weight.

REDUCED OXYGEN PACKAGING (ROP)

Retail food establishments that package food using ROP must place a label containing the following information on the ROP package:

- Maintain the food at 41°F or below;
- For food held at refrigeration temperatures:
 - On-premise consumption: “Discard the food if it is not served within 14 calendar days of its packaging”; OR
 - Off-premise consumption: “Discard the food if it is not consumed within 14 calendar days.”



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