

Retail Food Equipment Requirements

All restaurant equipment must be commercial, NSF-approved, home-style equipment and appliances are not acceptable

Equipment Checklist

Not all equipment listed may be applicable to every retail food establishment. Contact SJBPH for assistance determining what is needed in your facility at 970-335-2052 or EH@sjbpublichealth.org.

- Adequate storage, dry, refrigerated and frozen foods
- 3-compartment sink with drain boards, 18" to 36" on each end
- Hand sinks accessible to food prep/handling employees
- Vegetable sink with drain boards
- Mop/utility sink
- Point of service refrigeration
- Refrigerators and freezers
- Cook top/stoves, hot holding equipment
- Food preparation table(s)
- Thermometers
- Test strips
- Ventilation hoods
- Floor sinks and floor drains
- Water heater
- Ice bins/ice machines
- Dipper wells
- Grease interceptor/grease trap
- Appropriate rest rooms (separate toilet facilities for each sex in establishments with seating capacity of over 15 patrons) or commissary agreement.
- Chemical storage
- Locker area/personal storage
- Appropriate lighting

Plans for remodeling or construction must be submitted to San Juan Basin Public Health for review and advance approval.

If you are purchasing or remodeling an existing restaurant, or mobile unit, be aware that you may be required to bring the facility up to current codes.

Determine if the building, or mobile unit under consideration has adequate space for your proposed operation.

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you?

Floors, walls and ceilings in food preparation and utensil washing areas must be constructed of smooth, durable, non-absorbent, easily cleanable, lightly-colored materials.

Plan review:

Plans for construction of a new facility must be submitted for pre-approval by the local building department and San Juan Basin Public Health. \$100.00 payable to SJBPH

- Check with County Building Department plumbing, grease traps and electrical regulations
- Check with Fire Department for regulations on vent hoods
- Check with County for business/liquor licenses
- SJBPH issues the Colorado Retail Food Establishment License