

# Environmental Services

Environmental Health Specialists inspect food service establishments, motels, public swimming pools, schools, childcare facilities, camps and tattoo/body piercing businesses. Inspections monitor safety and sanitation standards, as well as compliance with the Non-Smoker Protection Act. In addition, Environmental Health Specialists facilitate rabies vaccination clinics and conduct rabies and West Nile virus investigations.

Click [here for Food Service Inspection Scores](#).

## Plan Review

In addition to building permits, some businesses are required to submit plans to the local health department and obtain approval prior to starting construction. These businesses include:

- Restaurants, mobile trucks, and other types of food service establishments
- Public swimming pools and hot tubs; including but not limited to:  
Community/municipal pools, waterparks, and pools located in camps, hotels, apartments, gyms, schools, or daycare centers. Neighborhood Homeowner Associations that will have more than 20 homes must also obtain approval prior to constructing a neighborhood pool.
- Hotels and motels
- Tattoo & body piercing studios
- Organized campgrounds

**Failure to obtain plan approval from the Health Department prior to construction can cost substantial time and money to make necessary corrections.**

For more information or to submit plans, please contact the Sevier County Health Department at 865-453-2787 or email [sevierco.hd@tn.gov](mailto:sevierco.hd@tn.gov).

## Food and General

The Environmental Health Program is responsible for the inspection of food service establishments. Environmental health specialists work with food service operators to achieve safe and sanitary food handling practices conducting inspections, training and enforcement of the food service [rules and regulations](#). Retail food stores and food service operations within them are regulated by the [Department of Agriculture](#).

Environmental Health [reviews plans](#) of new food establishments and those planning remodeling to ensuring the establishment will meet the minimum [construction](#) requirements prior to construction. Plan approval is required by law and protects applicants from expensive changes after construction and installation.

To ensure compliance with the [Tennessee Food Safety Act](#), every food service establishment is inspected between one and four times per year, depending on various factors such as the complexity of the food operation and level of active managerial

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control over foodborne illness risk factors to ensure compliance with the [Tennessee Food Safety Act](#). Current food permits and the most recent inspection report must be displayed in a prominent location for the public to view.

Complaints and reports of suspected foodborne disease outbreaks are promptly and thoroughly investigated in cooperation with county nurses, doctors and epidemiologists.

Employee level training is available at no cost in our county health department every month. Contact us for a schedule of training classes at 865-453-2787.

For more information about the Environmental Health Program please click [here](#) to visit the State website.

Our office is located at the Sevier County Health Department at 719 Middle Creek Rd, Sevierville, TN 37862.

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## **Temporary Events**

A food service establishment that operates at a fixed location in conjunction with an organized temporary event for more than one (1) day and not more than fourteen (14) consecutive days § 68-14-703(14).

Event Organizers: To alert the Health Department of the dates/times of events, number of food and beverage vendors, and other important information, **event organizers** should complete this survey:

<https://redcap.link/temporareventorganizersurvey> as soon as possible and at least 14 days in advance of the event.

Temporary Event Food Service Establishments: To apply for a temporary permit for an event planned in Sevier County, complete this survey:

<https://redcap.link/TFEVendorSurvey>.

## **Groundwater Protection**

### **Septic Tank Permits and Soil Sampling**

Phone: 865-429-1766

### **Foodborne Illness Complaint Hotline**

1-800-293-8228