

Chili or Soup Cook-Off Fundraisers

LICENSE EXEMPTION

Community-based nonprofit organizations, such as a service group or chamber of commerce, may hold chili or soup cook-offs without a food license if:

- City or town approves the fundraiser.
- Participants follow the food safety rules developed by the organizer.
- Chili or soup is properly labeled.

Not made in a licensed kitchen



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Resources for developing food safety rules

[Minnesota Department of Health Food Safety \(www.health.state.mn.us/foodbizsafety\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/foodbizsafety)

[Minnesota Department of Health Food Business Fact Sheets \(www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/food/fs.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/food/fs.html)

[University of Minnesota Extension Cooking Safely for a Crowd \(https://extension.umn.edu/preserving-and-preparing/cooking-safely-crowd\)](https://extension.umn.edu/preserving-and-preparing/cooking-safely-crowd)

[United States Department of Agriculture \(USDA\) Cooking for Groups \(PDF\) \(https://www.fsis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media_file/2021-02/Cooking_for_Groups.pdf\)](https://www.fsis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/media_file/2021-02/Cooking_for_Groups.pdf)

Food safety starts with you...

- Do not handle or prepare food if you have vomiting or diarrhea.
- Buy ingredients – especially meats – from a safe source such as a grocery store or farmers’ market.
- Keep food safe by following 4 simple steps – clean, cook, separate and chill.

Clean

- Wash hands and surfaces often.
- Follow safe handwashing steps.
- Wash, rinse, sanitize and air dry all utensils.

Cook

- Always cook food to safe temperatures.
- Reheat food quickly.
- Keep hot food hot.

Separate

- Keep raw meat, poultry and their juices away from ready-to-eat food.
- Use clean utensils with each new food.
- Wash hands after touching raw meat and poultry.

Chill

- Refrigerate food right away.
- Cool food quickly in small containers.
- Keep cold food cold.

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