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The Environmental Health Section of the Greene County Department of Public Health has received several questions lately about preparing and selling food from the home.

Temperature Controlled for Safety (TCS) foods cannot be prepared at home and sold. These foods are dangerous and require a permit from the Greene County Department of Public Health's Environmental Health Section before operating. Some foods such as cotton candy, popcorn, funnel cakes, candy apples and pork skins are not hazardous and are exempt.

The only foods that can be prepared in your home and sold are baked goods. These are regulated by the N.C. Department of Agriculture. There is a link on their website for home prep requirements or call (919) 733-7366 for assistance.

A registered 501 C-3 non-profit organization can prepare and sell food for fundraising for **two consecutive days once per month**. There is no permit required but you must provide written proof to Greene County Environmental Health of your 501 C-3 status. Churches, volunteer fire departments and other volunteer agencies fall under this exemption.

Any for profit food sales requires a valid permit. Even food sales at fairs and special events require a temporary food service permit.

If you have any questions or doubts about needing a permit to sell food, please call (252) 747-8183 and we can assist you.

Thank you!

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