

Food waste/HB 617 Recycling and Solid Waste Management Committee

NH Division of Public Health Services

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Food Protection Program Overview

- ▶ 4 subprograms:
 - Dairy
 - Beverage and Bottled Water
 - Food Sanitation
 - Shellfish

Retail Food Program

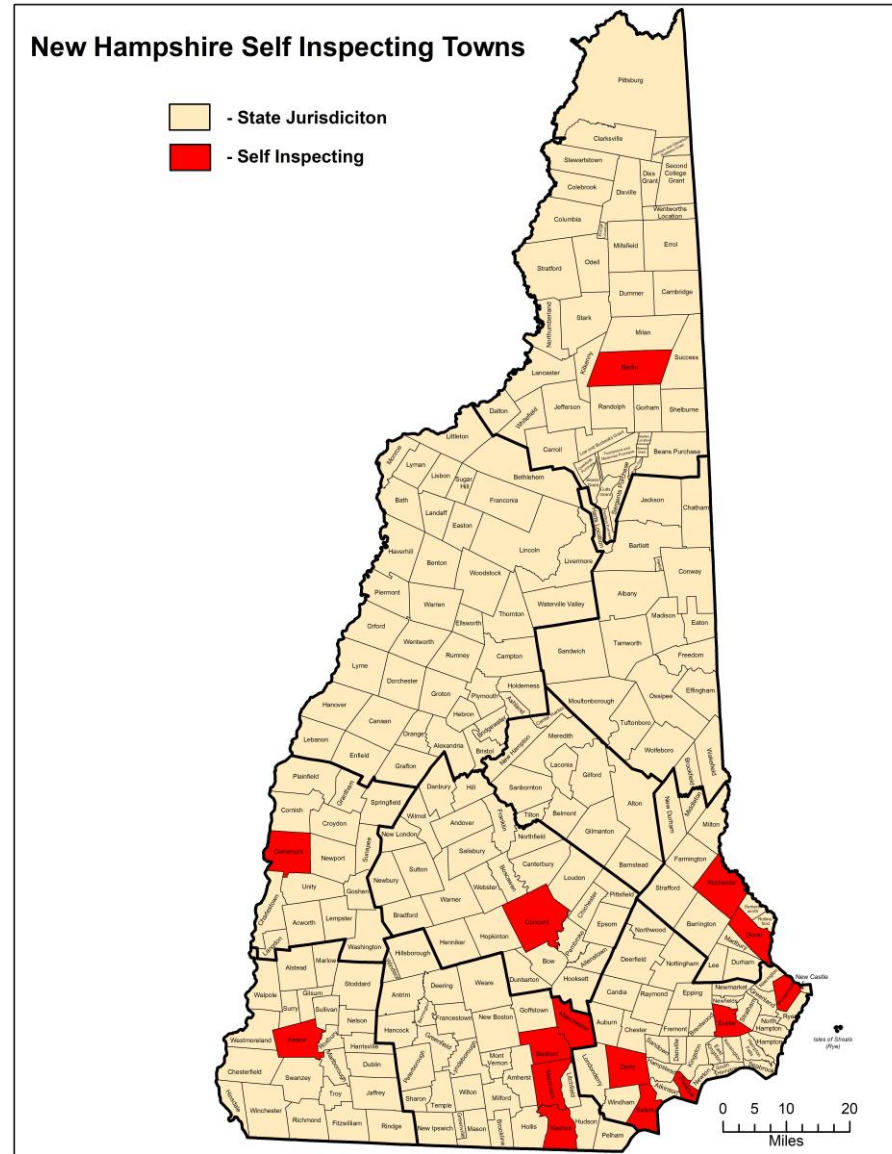
Licenses and inspects:

- grocery stores
- schools
- restaurants
- mobile food units
- home food manufacturers
- bed and breakfast facilities
- bakeries
- bars/lounges

What types of food establishments are NOT under the jurisdiction of Food Protection?

- ▶ Food Establishments-Self Inspecting Cities & Towns
- ▶ Temporary Food Establishments
- ▶ Occasional Food Service Establishments and Events
- ▶ Food Pantries and Soup Kitchens
- ▶ Child care centers, youth camps, nursing homes

NH Self Inspecting Communities



NH Law-508:15 Donors and Distributors of Food

- ▶ Donors and organizations that distribute food shall not be subject to criminal penalty or civil damages arising from the condition of the food, unless an injury is caused by the gross negligence, recklessness, or intentional misconduct of the donor or organization

Food Safety Considerations for Food Establishments Donating Food

- ▶ Certain basic principles of food safety must be incorporated into the program and followed by foodhandlers to provide the consumers protection from foodborne illness.
- ▶ Same Standards for food to paying consumers and to food consumed by individuals who receive donated food, such as:
 - Manager or person-in-charge knowledge requirements;
 - Monitoring the health of foodhandlers;
 - Foodhandler training and supervision;
 - Protecting food from pathogens and contaminants from hands and other sources which cause foodborne diseases;
 - Time and temperature requirements; and
 - Equipment design and construction and maintenance.
- ▶ Comprehensive guidance document for Food Establishments wanting to donate food is available at <http://www.foodprotect.org/guides-documents/comprehensive-guidance-for-food-recovery-programs/>

Share Tables in NH Schools

- ▶ New Hampshire has adopted the 2017 FDA Food Code into our administrative rules to regulate food establishments.
- ▶ Food Code does not allow food returned by the consumer to be offered to other consumers
- ▶ Have allowed schools to reserve prepackaged food does not require refrigeration for safety or fruit with an intact peel to be shared provided there was monitoring to ensure it remained in sound condition

Contact & Questions

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