

Oregon Department of Agriculture, Food Safety Program

Retail Food: Laws and Regulations

Retail food stores include the sales of packaged foods, food for immediate consumption, bulk food, seafood, or produce such as:

- Full service grocery stores
- Convenience stores
- Stores selling only bottled alcoholic beverages such as wine or beer
- Vitamin and supplement stores
- Truck or van with a freezer unit selling frozen or fresh seafood
- Retail stores selling seafood and other non-meat retail foods
- Produce stands that are not on the property where the produce is grown
- Stands that sell their own home-grown produce and produce purchased from outside sources
- Truck or van selling produce, packaged bread, packaged spices, packaged cheese, or any other packaged food that is from a licensed source

[Oregon Revised Statute \(ORS\) 616](#) covers Food and Other Commodities: Purity, Sanitation, Grades, Standards, Labels, Weights and Measures

[Oregon Administrative Rule \(OAR\) 603 Division 25](#) covers Food Establishment Standards and Standards for Retail Food Service Activities

The [ODA retail food code](#) is part of OAR 603 Division 25 and is used to regulate retail grocery stores, retail meat and bakeries

If you plan to operate a restaurant, host temporary food service events, or operate a mobile food cart, contact your local county health department for a license.

[Local County Health Department](#)

[Oregon Revised Statute \(ORS\) 624](#) covers Food Services Facilities

[Oregon Revised Statute \(ORS\) 333](#) covers Mobile Food Units, Commissaries and Warehouses