

Final Pre-Operational Inspection Guide

Begin by reviewing this pre-operational inspection checklist. This task is crucial as it ensures that all necessary steps are completed before proceeding with the formal inspection. It helps identify potential issues and ensures a smooth operational process. Examine the checklist thoroughly to familiarize yourself with the procedure and understand its significance.

Important: If an item doesn't apply to your situation, please write N/A.

Section 1: Required prior to requesting inspection

☐ Work is complete. All construction or remodel work is complete, and the facility is built according to the approved plans
☐ I contacted the Health Department for changes. I have contacted the Plans Examiner to inform them of any
changes to the plans, equipment, or menu.

- ☐ I have completed the Application to operate a permanent food establishment.
- ☐ I **have paid** the appropriate fee(s) at least **10** days before scheduling the inspection.

IMPORTANT: Call (206) 263-7833 for instructions on how to pay for the operating permit (if you have not already done so). We have interpretation services available.

- ☐ **My plumbing permit is approved.** My local plumbing department has approved my plumbing permit. Please include a copy (or screenshot) of the approved permit in the email to the Plans Examiner.
- ☐ I have reduced pressure backflow assembly. I confirmed that RPBA was tested as required. I consulted with a licensed plumber so the post-mix carbonated soda service lines have adequate RPBA and are installed according to local plumbing law.





	Section 2: Self-preoperational inspection		
	Digital metal stem thermometer. I have a digital metal stem thermometer to take temperatures. Hot water is available at all sinks. I conducted the following performance tests: • 3-compartment sink □ Each sink has a drain stopper. □ I filled the first two (2) compartments of the 3-compartment sink halfway with at least 110 °F (43.5 °C) water.		
1	 ☐ If the water was hotter than 110 °F (43.5 °C), I added cold water to balance the temperature. ☐ The water was at least 110 °F (43.5 °C) until the sinks were full (did not turn the faucet off and on). ☐ I checked the temperature of the hot water coming out of the faucet when the last sink was filled. ☐ Hot water was available at the handwash sinks (100 °F or 37.7 °C) after the test. Handwash sinks at 100 °F (37.7 °C) (including restrooms) ☐ The hot water in all handwash sinks has a temperature of at least 100 °F (37.7 °C), with soap and paper towels (or an approved hand dryer). 		
	☐ Dishwasher/glasswashers (if present)		
2	 □ The chemicals are connected to the dishwasher. □ Low-temperature dishwasher (chlorine): I've primed the lines to remove the air bubbles. □ High-temperature dishwasher: I ran the dishwasher a few times and watched the final sanitizing temperature reach 180 °F (82.3 °C). □ Test kits (chlorine, quaternary ammonium, or high heat/thermal labels) are available to measure the final sanitizing cycle. 		



Indirect drains were provided Sinks or equipment where food is placed or stored have an indirect drain. Commercial dishwasher, espresso machine, food prep sink, and ice machine require indirect drainage. I have met the drain requirements by the local plumbing department for the 3-compartment sink.		
□ Handwash sinks (including the public restrooms) □ Soap and paper towels were provided. □ Hot water was available within 15 seconds upon turning on the tap, activating the sensor, or pushing the button. □ If applicable, the self-closing or metering faucets provided a water flow for at least 15 seconds before reactivating	g.	
□ Splash guards □ Splash guards were installed between sinks, food-contact surfaces, or open storage shelving. □ The splash guards are durable, nonabsorbent, and easily cleanable materials. □ The splash guards come up to the height of the faucet.		
□ Refrigerated equipment □ I placed a small cup or container of water inside all coolers (please place the water in each unit at least the day before the inspection). Not required for freezers. □ Each cooler operated at 41 °F (5 °C) or below. □ Each cooler has an internal display thermometer.		
Surface finish surfaces Floors, walls, and ceilings are smooth, non-absorbent, and easily cleanable. Floor wall junctions have a coved base. All wood surfaces (doors, trim, shelves, cabinets, etc.) are sealed.		
□ Pest prevention (entry and exit doors) □ Doors are self-closing and tight-fitting. □ Door sweeps are installed on all doors. □ There are no holes or gaps along the floors, walls, and ceilings. □ The spaces/gaps around the plumbing drain lines, fixtures, and utility lines are sealed.		
□ Lights shielded: Shields or sleeves over glass lights are provided in the food preparation area.		
□ Vacuum breaker: A vacuum breaker is installed for the mop sink if a hose is attached.		
□ Garbage and recycling area: I have an exterior garbage dumpster and recycling area(s).		

IF YOU CHECKED EACH BOX ABOVE, YOU'RE READY TO SCHEDULE THE PRE-OPERATIONAL INSPECTION.

Please contact us at least one week in advance to schedule an appointment.

I understand I will pay a 50% penalty fee for opening without Health Department approval.

If I do not pass the pre-operational inspection, I may need to pay a return fee of \$486.00 to complete it.

Addendum/Pictures

