



A Newsletter for and about the Foodservice Industry in Genesee County by the Division of Environmental Health Services

New Michigan Food Law effective April 1, 2008.

Enclosed with this short edition of the *Back Burner News* are a few important items:

- Annual License Renewal Application. Please check it for correct name, address, and contact information, including email address. License applications must be received by the Genesee County Health Department by close of business on April 30, 2008 to avoid late fees.
- Key Changes to the Michigan Food Law. This is a short and sweet explanation of the new portions of the Michigan Food Law and adopted Federal Food Code that affect food service facilities.
- A resource list of entities offering Certified Food Management Courses. Having at least one Certified Food Service Manager on staff for a major portion of your food service operation has become a requirement of the Law. By June 30th, 2009 – next year – each fixed food service will be required to have a minimum of one staff person that has passed the certification test and is in charge of food safety in your facility.

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We Need Your Email Address!

It is important to us that you fill out the request for your email address on the license application. We will be creating a database of all food service operators to receive quick and accurate information regarding food recalls, law and code interpretations, and other items of interest to restaurant operators in Genesee County.

We anticipate 4 to 5 email messages per year – and we will never give your email address to any other company.

Announcing the 14th Annual Food Awards Program

The GCHD Excellence in Food Service Sanitation Awards Reception will be held the evening of April 8th, 2008 from 6 PM to 7:30 PM at the Sloan Museum, in conjunction with National Public Health Week. Awards will be presented in the following categories:

*Excellence in Sanitation
Healthy Lifestyle (Nutrition)
Smoke-free Dining Recognition*

Annual License Renewal Application Enclosed

Please check your application and correct any invalid information. Enclose payment written to 'Genesee County Health Department' and return by close of business April 30th, 2008 to avoid late fees.

**Questions regarding licensing, new requirements, fees, etc.?
Call your area inspector for answers:**

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Forest, Genesee, Thetford Townships
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If your operation is in the city of Flint,
Contact our office for your Area Sanitarian.

Food Service Education

Serve Safe Food Manager Certification Course held locally at Holiday Inn, Gateway Centre, Flint.

6 Session course with exam: \$170. Begins Tuesday April 15th, meets each Tuesday for 5 weeks – exam on week 6.

Refresher / Recertification Course: \$100. Meet Tuesday May 13th for review; take exam on Tuesday, May 20th. This two session course is for those who have previously passed a Management Certification Class.

Call Janet Phelps, EH Coordinator at (810) 257-3199 to request information.