



Food Safety News

Yavapai County Environmental Health and
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A Food Safety Partnership
Making Yavapai County A Safer Place to Eat
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Yavapai County Food Safety Industry Council

Are you familiar with Yavapai County's Golden Plate Award? This respected award recognizes food establishments for operating practices that demonstrate an exceptionally strong commitment to food safety. This award was established 7 years ago as a joint effort of the Yavapai County Community Health Services, the Yavapai County Food Safety Industry Council, and the University of Arizona's Cooperative Extension Office. Together they developed **three criteria** for award recipients:

1. **Operate the entire calendar year without a cited critical violation on an inspection.**
2. **Safeguard their customers by implementing a YCHS-approved food safety plan, and**
3. **Have a person-in-charge with an accepted and current manager-level food safety certificate.**

Managers and food handlers at area restaurants, schools, and other food establishments routinely take steps to serve good food and at the same time, comply with health code standards. This award honors those that go above and beyond the food code requirements. Health inspectors have unannounced inspections at least twice a year. If they cite food establishments for critical violations, they may be corrected on the spot or require follow-up visits to make sure that they correct the problem. Even though many restaurants do not earn the Golden Plate Award, they are passing their inspections. During the calendar year of 2010, 123 Yavapai County food establishments earned the Golden Plate Award out of a total of approximately 900 establishments.

The Yavapai County Food Safety Industry Council in conjunction with the Yavapai County Community Health Services and the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, is conducting a survey to get food establishments' feedback on the Golden Plate Award. This brief survey would only take a few minutes of your time and is easily completed online.

NEW SURVEY LINK:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BQBWSND>

You may only take the survey one time.

UPCOMING FOOD SAFETY MANAGER CLASSES

English Classes in Prescott-Dec. 5 at UA Cooperative Extension, 840 Rodeo Dr., Bldg. C

English Classes in Cottonwood- Nov. 16 at County Annex Bldg., 10 South 6th St., 2nd Floor-Verde Room

2012 Certified Professional Manager Schedule is available on our Web site.

Call 928-445-6590 x221 to register or download the registration form from our Web site at: cals.arizona.edu/Yavapai

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