What is a Food Handler?
Food Handler is a “food employee“: An individual working with unpackaged food, food equipment or utensils, or food contact surfaces.

When does the requirement for food establishments to have food handlers go into effect?
The requirement to complete a food handler training course was effective September 1, 2016.

Upon employment by a food establishment, how long will the employee have to complete a food handler course?
Except for the certified food service manager, all food employees shall successfully complete a food handler course, within 60 days of employment.

What constitutes approved food handler training?
Written proof that such person has successfully completed a food handler program accredited by the State of Texas or similar food safety courses approved by the Conference for Food Protection.

City of Houston Food Handler Training
The City of Houston is approved to conduct a food handler program accredited by the State of Texas. The course is 2 hours in length and completion of each of the post lesson quiz is required. Current languages offered are English and Spanish.

FEES AND REGISTRATION

Food Handler Class Reservations: Monday- Friday, 7:30am-4pm @ 832.393.5100
Attendees will choose to make a reservation to attend either the 8:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. session. Students will receive a letter with instructions including the payment due dates, a map of class location, and invoice. Return the invoice and payment together. Call the office if you have not received your packet at least 10 days before class.

A non-refundable fee must be paid prior to the date of the class.
Payment may be received by mail or in person at the Houston Health Department, 8000 N. Stadium Drive.

Food Handler Training: $11.18
Payment: money order, business check, cashier’s check, credit/debit cards PERSONAL CHECKS AND CASH ARE NOT ACCEPTED


Class dates and locations are subject to change.

LOCATIONS

Environmental Pollution Control Services: 7411 Park Place
Southwest Multi-Service Center: 6400 Highstar
West End Multi Service Center: 170 Heights Blvd.
Denver Harbor Multi-Service Center: 6402 Market
Tracy Gee Community Center: 3599 Westcenter Drive

All facilities are wheelchair accessible.

CLASS CHECK IN

Photographic identification is required for admission into the class (current driver’s license, state identification card, student ID card, passport, etc.). Students arriving late for class will not be admitted. Bring pencil, pen, paper for taking notes.