



## ***Marion County*** OREGON

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### **Restaurant Inspection Scores Featured on Marion County Webpage**

Marion County has recently added a new feature to its homepage. The Public Health Department's Environmental Health Program is posting the scores of the restaurant inspections they perform. This new feature may be found by going to the Marion County homepage [www.co.marion.or.us](http://www.co.marion.or.us) and clicking on the food graphic on the left side or directly by: <http://apps.co.marion.or.us/RIS/>. The site features the scores of over 750 Marion County restaurants.

The Environmental Health Program inspects and enforces health and safety regulations for food service (restaurants, temporary food booths, mobile food units, school food programs), public and semi-public pools and spas, summer camps, motels, hotels, and RV parks. In addition, they are responsible for providing assistance and regulating many of the public drinking water supplies in Marion County. They also provide food handler training and certification and follow up on complaints by the public on the facilities that they license and inspect.

"We get many calls from the public requesting information on the cleanliness and safety of Marion County eateries," explained Rick Sherman, Program Supervisor Environmental Health. "By posting our inspections and making the scores easily accessible to the public, we can assist people in choosing an eatery that is in compliance with federal and state mandated health and safety requirements."

A restaurant inspection is done semi-annually. Inspections are centered on proper food handling, temperature control and employee hygiene.

Sherman explained that Marion County's webpage has become a prototype for other counties wanting to post their restaurant inspection scores as well.

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