

# 1st STOP CHECKLIST:

## FOOD/BEVERAGE PROCESSING & PACKAGING

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- Food and beverage processing and packaging businesses must be inspected and approved by the **Ohio Department of Agriculture**. *This includes slaughterhouses, canneries and soft drink & frozen dessert plants, bakeries and cold storage warehouses.* Contact the **Ohio Department of Agriculture's Division of Food Safety** at **(614) 728-6250** for more information; or [www.agri.ohio.gov](http://www.agri.ohio.gov). *\*Remember to check local government agencies. \**
- If you will process **meat**, your facilities must be inspected by the **Ohio Department of Agriculture's Division of Meat Inspection**. The Division of Meat Inspection can be reached at **(614) 728-6260**.
- Ohio's frozen food laws can be found in Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 915 <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/915> .
- Ohio's Bakery Laws and Sanitary Regulations can be found in **Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 911** <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/911> and **Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 901:3-1-01 through 901:3-01-05**.
- Ohio's food labeling, and retail food safety rules can be found in **OAC 901:3 and 901:6-3-01 through 901:6-3-12** <http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/901%3A3> .
- Ohio's Food, Drug, Cosmetic and Device law can be found in **ORC Section 3715** <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/3715> .
- Weighing and measuring devices must be inspected by your county auditor or the Department of Agriculture.
- Detailed requirements for specific food and beverage production can also be found in **OAC 901** <http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/901>.
- The **ORC** and **OAC** can be found in your local library or on-line at <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc>.
- For more information about solid or hazardous waste and air-pollutants, contact the **Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**. The Ohio EPA can be reached at **(614) 644-3020** for General Inquiries or **(800) 329-7518** for the Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention. The Ohio EPA is also on-line at [www.epa.state.oh.us](http://www.epa.state.oh.us).

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