

## UWMC Food Policy

The University of Wisconsin Marathon County Foodservice Cooperative (UWMC Food Coop.) was formed in July of 1998 to provide foodservice to the residents of Marathon Hall and the UWMC campus. This policy was created for a two-fold purpose: 1.) the need for campus food safety and sanitation is of great importance. 2.) The livelihood of the Food Cooperative is dependent on the revenues generated from the Residence Hall and the Campus.

Guidelines have been established and are listed below.

1. All residents of Marathon Hall *must* choose one of the three meal plans offered through their academic Room & Board Contract. Summer residents have the option to purchase meals when groups are on campus.
2. All food/beverage needs for Marathon Hall activities *must* be processed through the Food Coop.
3. All food/beverage needs for campus-sponsored events *must* be processed through the Food Coop. No outside food sources are allowed.
4. All food/beverage needs for community groups or organizations who have requested campus room reservations *must* be processed through the Food Coop. No outside food sources are allowed.

Campus sponsored Clubs and Organizations are limited to three “bake sale”, “food sale” fundraising events per year. (There is no limit to non-food fund raising events.) The policy is designated by the Marathon County Health Department which states: “Wisconsin Statutes exempt church, religious, fraternal, youth, civic, or patriotic organizations from licensing, if they serve food **to the general public** for fewer than 4 days during any 12-month period. If they go over the 3 “free” days per year, they need to be licensed. These groups are allowed to prepare meals/snacks **for their own membership** as many times as they want without needing a license. Typically, people know these types of dinners/snacks are not made under controlled conditions; and therefore, they are eating at their own risk.”

Exceptions:

For Faculty/Staff ONLY events (i.e. Sunshine Club events, Fall Picnic/potluck) outside sources of food/beverage items may be supplied. Please contact the Food Coop so they are aware of the Faculty/Staff event.

Campus clubs and organizations meetings: “These groups are allowed to prepare meals/snacks **for their own membership** as many times as they want without needing a license.” **Club Advisors:** If the Club or Organization sponsors an event on campus, open to the Public, food and beverage needs must be requested from the UWMC Foodservice Cooperative.

