

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0265341 - TRADER JOE'S		Site Address 855 EL CAMINO REAL 140, PALO ALTO, CA 94301		Inspection Date 07/30/2025		Placard Color & Score GREEN 98			
Program PR0391457 - NO FOOD PREP 5,000-20,000 SQ FT - FP07			Owner Name TRADER JOE'S INC		Inspection Time 14:15 - 15:30				
Inspected By ALELI CRUTCHFIELD		Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION		Consent By CLINTON				FSC Exempt	

RISK FACTORS AND INTERVENTIONS		IN	OUT		COS/SA	N/O	N/A	PBI
			Major	Minor				
K01	Demonstration of knowledge; food safety certification	X						
K02	Communicable disease; reporting/restriction/exclusion	X						
K03	No discharge from eyes, nose, mouth	X						
K04	Proper eating, tasting, drinking, tobacco use	X						
K05	Hands clean, properly washed; gloves used properly	X						
K06	Adequate handwash facilities supplied, accessible	X						
K07	Proper hot and cold holding temperatures	X						
K08	Time as a public health control; procedures & records						X	
K09	Proper cooling methods						X	
K10	Proper cooking time & temperatures						X	
K11	Proper reheating procedures for hot holding						X	
K12	Returned and reservice of food	X						
K13	Food in good condition, safe, unadulterated	X						
K14	Food contact surfaces clean, sanitized	X						
K15	Food obtained from approved source	X						
K16	Compliance with shell stock tags, condition, display						X	
K17	Compliance with Gulf Oyster Regulations						X	
K18	Compliance with variance/ROP/HACCP Plan						X	
K19	Consumer advisory for raw or undercooked foods						X	
K20	Licensed health care facilities/schools: prohibited foods not being offered						X	
K21	Hot and cold water available	X						
K22	Sewage and wastewater properly disposed	X						
K23	No rodents, insects, birds, or animals	X						

GOOD RETAIL PRACTICES		OUT	COS
K24	Person in charge present and performing duties		
K25	Proper personal cleanliness and hair restraints		
K26	Approved thawing methods used; frozen food		
K27	Food separated and protected		
K28	Fruits and vegetables washed		
K29	Toxic substances properly identified, stored, used		
K30	Food storage: food storage containers identified		
K31	Consumer self service does prevent contamination		
K32	Food properly labeled and honestly presented		
K33	Nonfood contact surfaces clean		
K34	Warewash facilities: installed/maintained; test strips		
K35	Equipment, utensils: Approved, in good repair, adequate capacity		X
K36	Equipment, utensils, linens: Proper storage and use		
K37	Vending machines		
K38	Adequate ventilation/lighting; designated areas, use		
K39	Thermometers provided, accurate		
K40	Wiping cloths: properly used, stored		
K41	Plumbing approved, installed, in good repair; proper backflow devices		
K42	Garbage & refuse properly disposed; facilities maintained		
K43	Toilet facilities: properly constructed, supplied, cleaned		
K44	Premises clean, in good repair; Personal/chemical storage; Adequate vermin-proofing		
K45	Floor, walls, ceilings: built, maintained, clean		
K46	No unapproved private home/living/sleeping quarters		
K47	Signs posted; last inspection report available		

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K48	Plan review		
K49	Permits available		
K58	Placard properly displayed/posted		

Comments and Observations

Major Violations

No major violations were observed during this inspection.

Minor Violations

K35 - 2 Points - Equipment, utensils - Unapproved, unclear, not in good repair, inadequate capacity; 114130, 114130.1, 114130.2, 114130.3, 114130.4, 114130.5, 114132, 114133, 114137, 114139, 114153, 114155, 114163, 114165, 114167, 114169, 114175, 114177, 114180, 114182

Inspector Observations: *Observed a fabric patch covering a hole at the freezer unit located where the macaroni and cheese is held. [CA] Keep equipment in good repair and replace white missing cap with a new one.*

The hand sink located next to the food prep sink is slow draining. [CA] Unclog the drain, keep equipment in good repair.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

N/A

Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
water	hand sinks- all	100.00 Fahrenheit	
sushi, sandwich, salads	display case	35.00 Fahrenheit	
eggs	egg case	40.00 Fahrenheit	
ambient	meat case	38.00 Fahrenheit	
organic milk, cottage cheese, sausage	walk in cooler	40.00 Fahrenheit	below 40F
ambient	walk in cooler	30.00 Fahrenheit	
ambient	walk in freezer	10.00 Fahrenheit	
ambient	tofu unit	32.00 Fahrenheit	
quat ammonium	3 comp sink sanitizing dispenser	200.00 PPM	
ambient	asian food freezer case	12.00 Fahrenheit	
ambient	deli meat/cheese case	39.00 Fahrenheit	
ambient	seafood case	19.00 Fahrenheit	
water	ware washing sink	120.00 Fahrenheit	
sushi	display case	37.00 Fahrenheit	

Overall Comments:

When required to determine compliance, a single reinspection will be conducted without additional charge. If subsequent reinspections are required, an hourly fee (minimum one hour) at the current rate approved by the Board of Supervisors will be assessed for each and every reinspection until the necessary changes or corrections are made. Unless otherwise noted by the inspector, all violations are to be corrected no later than **8/13/2025**. Any major change in menu or any change in ownership must have prior approval by this Department. This may require structural and/or equipment changes or remodeling to accommodate new operations.

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Legend:

[CA]	Corrective Action
[COS]	Corrected on Site
[N]	Needs Improvement
[NA]	Not Applicable
[NO]	Not Observed
[PBI]	Performance-based Inspection
[PHF]	Potentially Hazardous Food
[PIC]	Person in Charge
[PPM]	Part per Million
[S]	Satisfactory
[SA]	Suitable Alternative
[TPHC]	Time as a Public Health Control



Received By: Nico Miehl
Manager

Signed On: July 30, 2025