

## SEPTEMBER IS



New Jersey's Sanitary Code- *NJAC Chapter 24*, defines a *Retail Food Establishment* as “an operation that stores, prepares, packages, serves, vends or otherwise provides food for human consumption.”

**Local Health Departments** are required to enforce New Jersey's Sanitary Code to ensure each establishment complies with *Chapter 24* requirements and standards for food establishments.

***Chapter 24* delineates an establishment by its *Risk Type*\***:

*\*Risk Type: Level of food preparation*

Type 1- sells prepackaged food only, non-potentially hazardous food only

Type 2- limited menu, prepare, cook and serve product immediately

Type 3- extensive menu, handling of raw ingredients

Type 4- establishment conducts specialized processes

***Chapter 24*** requires food establishments to be inspected, at a minimum, once a year. Upon inspection, the establishment is evaluated and given a ***Rating*\***.

***\*\*Rating Evaluation: (Placard with rating is to be posted for public view)***

“Satisfactory”- establishment is operating in substantial compliance

“Conditionally Satisfactory”- operating in compliance with 1 or more violations

“Unsatisfactory”- one or more violations that constitute gross unsanitary or unsafe conditions

**Ringwood has Thirty (30) Retail Food Establishments.**

**As of this month, All Retail Food Establishments in Ringwood have been inspected at least twice. All the establishments were given a Satisfactory Rating.**

**If you have questions or are interested in reviewing an inspection report they are on file at the Ringwood Health Department located at 60 Margaret King Avenue.**