

Instructions for Wild Mushroom Sales

The Indiana State Department of Health Food Protection Program (FPP) has specific regulations for individuals who harvest and wish to sell mushrooms because some wild mushroom are extremely poisonous and may be difficult to distinguish from edible species. Retail food establishments that buy wild mushroom must recognize the need for a sound identification program for providing safe wild mushrooms.

Indiana has put in place procedures for authenticating wild mushroom identifiers. Sales transaction procedures include documentation that a wild mushroom was identified by an Indiana approved Wild Mushroom Identifier and a requirement for labeling and trace back documentation.

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Registration of Indiana Wild Mushroom Identifiers

Mushroom species picked in the wild may not be offered, sold or served in a retail food establishment or farmer's market without inspection and validation by a mushroom identification expert. Indiana recognizes two types of identifiers; persons qualified to identify **morel** mushrooms **only** and individuals qualified to identify other mushrooms that are listed on the Wild Mushroom Identifier Registration on file at FPP. All wild mushroom identifiers must be pre-approved and registered by the Indiana State Department of Health, Food Protection Program. See *Policy to Recognize a Mushroom Identification Expert* at <http://www.in.gov/isdh/27316.htm> or call FPP. Taking a course does not automatically qualify the person, they must be registered with FPP and all Wild Mushroom Identifiers must meet all applicable requirements found in 410 IAC 7-24 Retail Food Establishment Sanitation Requirements.

Paperwork that should accompany the sale of wild mushrooms

Wild mushroom species received for sale or service should be accompanied by a legible label or other written documentation that provides:

- (A) A common name and taxonomic identity of each type of mushroom;
- (B) The name, address, and contact information of the wild mushroom identifier; and
- (C) A statement of any common culinary hazards which might make the type of mushrooms unsafe to consume, such as "Do not cook," or "Should not be eaten uncooked".

The documentation shall be retained as paper or electronic records for at least 1 year from the last date of sale of an identified group of wild mushrooms by both the Registered Wild Mushroom Identifier and the Retail Food Establishment or Wholesaler.

See Retail Food Establishment Sanitation Requirements: 410 IAC 7-24-146 Food labels and 410 IAC 7-24-164 Wild Mushrooms

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