

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Division of Environmental Health is to enhance the quality of life in Tulare County through implementation of environmental health programs that protect public health and safety as well as the environment.

We accomplish this goal by overseeing and enforcing numerous programs, from food facility inspections to hazardous waste.

All of our inspectors are licensed and/or certified in their field of practice and participate in continuing education to maintain licensure.

GET STARTED

1. Complete a Bachelor's degree in environmental health or related fields of science; or possess alternate qualifications per Title 17, Article 1, Section 7941 of the California Administrative Code.
2. Obtain a trainee Certification Letter from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). Visit www.cdph.ca.gov for instructions.

APPLY FOR THE JOB

3. Look for open Environmental Health Specialist positions at tularecounty.ca.gov.

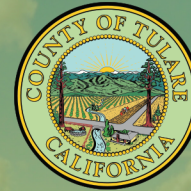
GET PAID TO LEARN

4. Learn on the job as a trainee in preparation for the REHS Exam.
5. Pass the exam and be eligible for promotion within the Tulare County Environmental Health Division. To be eligible for promotion, candidates also need a minimum of 1 year of experience in an approved environmental health program.

Want to find out more about the Tulare County Environmental Health Division?

Contact us at (559) 624-7400 to speak to an REHS.

Interested in
an REHS
Career with
Tulare County?



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WHO WE ARE

Have you ever wondered who makes sure the food and beverages you buy in your community are safe to eat?

Did you ever think about what laws protect your health and safety at an apartment pool or the spa at a fitness center?

What about at festivals, farmers markets, outdoor concerts, and summer camps? How about used oil and trash? Hazardous materials emergencies? Water well monitoring?

All of these public concerns are regularly inspected by the Tulare County Division of Environmental Health. We are Environmental Health Specialists (EHS), and the job we do is tremendously important. As EHS professionals, we work hard to protect the public in Tulare County and to provide a safe place to work, live, and play.

OUR SERVICES

BODY ART & MEDICAL WASTE

These programs provide oversight of medical waste handling facilities and regulate the operation of body art facilities and practitioners who tattoo, pierce, and apply permanent cosmetics.

SOLID WASTE

Operating as the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) for Solid Waste Management, this program is certified by Cal-Recycle and regulates landfills, transfer stations, composting sites, and specific other solid waste activities.

FOOD

This program inspects retail food facilities to ensure safe food handling practices, proper sanitation, and compliance with the California Health and Safety Code within the county. We conduct routine inspections, complaint investigations, and foodborne illness investigations.

LIQUID WASTE

The Liquid Waste Program provides oversight of septic waste collection and disposal vehicles to help verify adherence to local ordinances.

POOLS / SPAS / WATER FEATURES

The Recreational Health Program is responsible for the enforcement of state and local health codes at all public, commercial, and multi-family residence pools and spas in Tulare County. Our primary focus is to ensure a safe and healthy environment for users to enjoy.

DAIRY

Tulare County is one of eight counties in California designated as Approved Milk Inspection Services by the California Department of Food and Agriculture. Our mission is to ensure the safety and quality of dairy products consumed by the public through regulation and education.

LAND USE

The Land Use Program provides environmental review of building and development projects and acts as a liaison between Environmental Health and various county and state agencies. Staff assigned to this program review building permits, on-site wastewater treatment systems, tract and parcel maps, and planning projects.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (CUPA)

The CUPA is responsible for inspecting facilities that handle hazardous materials, generate and/or treat hazardous waste, own/operate underground storage tanks, own/operate aboveground petroleum storage tanks, or handle other materials subject to the California Accidental Release Prevention Program.

WATER WELLS & STATE SMALL WATER SYSTEMS

The Water Well Program oversees the installation of water wells throughout Tulare County. A permit is required for the construction, destruction, and inactivation of water wells. The State Small Water System Program ensures domestic wells shared by at least five (but no more than 14) service connections comply with drinking water monitoring, reporting, and quality standards.