

## After Health Department Inspection, Worst Rating for One Darien Food-Serving Establishment

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One food-serving establishment in town received a "C" rating — the worst — in its most recent inspection from Darien Health Department.

The report from the July 2 inspection, detailed below, is the only one released this week by the Health Department.

Keep in mind that a food-serving establishment with a history of good ratings may occasionally get a poor inspection rating, occasionally the best do, and every restaurant normally gets a few things wrong.

Here's an alphabetical list of the most recently released health inspection results (an explanation of how this list is put together is immediately below it):

—**Green & Tonic** — 1098 Post Road — [July 2](#) — [Town Rating: C](#) — State Score: 87 — *Inspector's Remarks:* "Employees must receive training, to include hand washing and sanitation; all granulars and powders on shelf left uncovered, even when not busy; handling money and then grabbing gloves ... only one employee working during inspection; no detectable sanitizer in red bucket ... looks old, dumped and replaced during inspection; some utensils stored unclean, inside of blender cover unclean; bare wood surface near ware-wash sink; no test strips for chemical sanitizer; wall behind blender station

unclean." — *Inspector's Comments*: "Self-closer needed on the employee restroom. Tub looks unclean in back room ... [is] this used to submerge items? Vybes hemp CBD powder being used in smoothies? Who is the on-site QFO [[Qualified Food Operator](#)]?"

**Dates** link to the food establishment's inspection report referenced here (when available, sometimes it takes a while to get posted online), and **Darien's own A/B/C ratings** link to a Web page showing several of the restaurant's recent inspection ratings.

**For restaurants and other food-serving establishments rated "C," and for some others of interest to the public (like schools) additional information is given.** When we provide that information here, then words within brackets ("[ ]") have been added for clarity by Darienite.com; semicolons (";") separate individual comments by the inspectors. Each comment separated by semicolons is about a particular violation that triggers a deduction of one or more points from a perfect state score of 100.

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*See also:*

- [Our previous article](#) showing restaurant inspection ratings (June 6)
- [STAMFORD](#) online health inspection results
- [NORWALK](#) online health inspection ratings ([explanation](#) of ratings)

You can find the past several inspection ratings under the **Darien** ratings system for food-serving establishments along with copies of inspection reports, including state health code scores [on this website](#).

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### How Darien's Food-Serving Places Are Rated

Restaurants in town are rated under the Darien Health Department's own A/B/C ratings system. Health inspectors also use the state health code regulations to score restaurants, with a perfect score set at 100, and demerits (of 1 to 4 points each) for various code violations.

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The Darien system takes into account problems that are ongoing, so a restaurant scoring higher than others on the state scale may actually get a lower score on the Darien scale.

Any establishment actually deemed unsafe can be closed by the town Health Department until violations are fixed. Town Health Director David Knauf says that has never happened in the time he's been with the department.