

## Fourth 'C' Rating From Last Seven Inspections for One Restaurant in Latest Darien Health Reports

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One restaurant in town received its fourth "C" rating, the worst grade in Darien's A/B/C ratings system, in the last seven town Health Department inspections in the four latest inspection reports released Friday by the Darien Health Department.

Those seven health inspections were all done this year, since Feb. 15.

The four inspections of food-serving establishments took place from Oct. 18 to 21, with one getting an "A" rating, and two others getting a "B."

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):

—Atria Darien — 50 Ledge Road — [Oct. 21](#) — [Town Rating: B](#) — State Score: 91

—Embody Fitness Gourmet — 380 Heights Road — [Oct. 19](#) — [Town Rating: B](#) — State Score: 91

—Hibachi Sushi Ya — 111 Old Kings Hwy. North — [Oct. 18](#) — [Town Rating: C](#) — State Score: 84 —  
*Inspector's Remarks:* "Moths found in bulk rice and flour in dry storage: discarded; soda gun at bar dripping into consumable ice: corrected; food items stored on floor in walk-in freezer; plastic shopping bags used for food storage; door gaskets torn on bain marie in kitchen; entire ware wash area unclean, including walls and equipment; leak at bottom of ware wash hand sink; flies present; floors unclean (bar, kitchen); moderate to heavy grease buildup on hood, filters and suppression system; ceiling in prep area bulging, in disrepair; unnecessary items in storage area and dumpster area." — *Inspector's Comments:* "Temps OK, dish[washing] machine OK. Sanitizer set up. Followup will take place week of Oct. 21."

—New Beijing Restaurant — 5 Tokeneke Road — [Oct. 19](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 93

**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:*

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](#).

- [Our previous article](#) showing restaurant inspection ratings (Oct. 17)
- [STAMFORD](#) online health inspection results
- [NORWALK](#) online health inspection ratings ([explanation](#) of ratings)

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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

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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.