

One Food Store in Town Gets a 'C' — The Worst Darien Health Rating — in Latest Inspection Reports

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One food store in town received a "C" rating from inspectors in the latest health inspection reports released by Darien Health Department.

Out of five reports from inspections that took place from Aug. 24 to 30, two places were rated "A," two more got "B" ratings, and one received a "C."

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.

See also

- [Slice of Saugatuck Festival Features Open Houses, Beer Garden, Music, Family Activities](#) (Friday, Sept. 6)

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):

—**Fisherman's Net** — 11 Old King's Hwy. North — [Aug. 24](#) — [Town Rating: C](#) — State Score: 88 — *Inspector's Remarks:* "No documentation for QFO [[Qualified Food Operator](#)]; no designated QFO alternate; knife blade and handles unclean in rack--corrected; label all to-go dinners and other items that are for sale that are not in original containers; rusty grill surface on char broiler; utensils stored jumbled; unnecessary items in storage area and in back of store." — *Inspector's Comments:* "Less clutter and cleaner. No hot holding. Sanitizer set up. Gloves used. Lobster tank now operational. Proper thawing observed in prep sink. Waiting on documentation for QFO. Alternate as well??"

—**Genji** — at Whole Foods Market, 150 Ledge Road — [Aug. 26](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 95

—**The Goose American Bistro & Bar** — 972 Post Road — [Aug. 26](#) — [Town Rating: A](#) — State Score: 93

—**Hibachi Sushi Ya** — 111 Old Kings Hwy. North — [Aug. 30](#) — [Town Rating: B](#) — State Score: 91

—**Tengda Asian Bistro** — 25 Old Kings Hwy. North — [Aug. 28](#) — [Town Rating: B](#) — State Score: 87

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.

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 (Aug. 29)*
- [STAMFORD](#) online health inspection results
- [NORWALK](#) online health inspection ratings ([explanation](#) of ratings)

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.