

Cockroaches found milling about near meat slicer at Rosemead pho restaurant

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Live cockroaches in several places — including near the meat slicer — led to the closure of a Rosemead pho restaurant.

An inspector with the Los Angeles County Public Health Department visited Pho Pasteur, 8821 Valley Blvd. in Rosemead, on July 22. In a report on file with the county, the inspector noted finding:

- 8+ live cockroaches under the metal shelf, next to the meat slicer.
- 5+ live cockroaches on the wall above the water heater.
- 5+ live cockroaches on the wall inside the dry storage room.
- 2 dead cockroaches on the floor inside the dry storage room.
- 1 live cockroach on the metal shelf inside the dry storage room.
- 2 live cockroaches on the floor inside the equipment storage room (next to the water heater).
- 1 live cockroach on the floor under the upright freezer.
- 1 live cockroach in the gasket on the door of the upright cooler.
- 2 dead cockroaches on the floor under the upright freezer.

In addition, the inspector reported finding mildew and dirt inside the large ice machine.

The restaurant was given a score of 80 and shut down. It was reinspected and reopened July 26.

Facilities are graded with a number and letter score much like school report cards. If a food facility is closed for a cockroach, rodent or fly infestation, sewage problems or for not having any water running, the facility loses an additional seven points on top of the four points deducted for major health violations. Any time two major health hazards, such as unsafe food temperatures, are observed, the facility loses an additional three points in its inspection score.

Restaurants and markets whose permits are suspended must close until another inspection determines the problems have been fixed. Closures can occur during routine and owner-initiated inspections, complaint investigations and re-inspections.

Here are other food facilities that were temporarily closed between July 21 and July 27. Unless otherwise noted, the grades listed for the facilities were received on the same day they were closed.

Tai-Kadai Kitchen

Location: 8877 Valley Blvd., Rosemead

Date closed: July 22

Date reopened: July 24

Reason for closure: Cockroaches

Score: 86

Taco King

Location: 246 N. Azusa Ave., Azusa

Date closed: July 23

Date reopened: Aug. 2

Reason for closure: Cockroaches

Score: 86

Saigon Eden Vietnamese Restaurant

Location: 29 S. Garfield Ave., Alhambra

Date closed: July 23

Date reopened: July 29

Reason for closure: Cockroaches

Score: 81