



**MEDIA ADVISORY:**

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**Thorntons Opens Kitchen and more at Algonquin Store**  
Remodeled store opening this Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 a.m.

**(Louisville, KY –February 29, 2016).** Thorntons Inc. is proud to announce the kitchen will open at the store located at 2095 East Algonquin Road on Friday, March 4 at 6 a.m. This foodservice-focused Thorntons features a grab-and-go kitchen and thirst-quenching beverages for guests on the go and the first of its kind in Chicago.

Guests can enjoy hot breakfast, lunch and snack items that are prepared fresh on-site every single day, in addition to a variety of traditional, delicious roller grill items. For breakfast, guests can pick up hot sandwiches such as a Sausage Egg and Cheese Biscuit, a Ham Egg and Cheese Croissant, or a Bacon Egg and Cheese Burrito, among other great choices. Breakfast is served until 10:30 a.m. each day. Lunch options include Pepperoni Pizza, Cheeseburger, Buffalo Ranch Chicken Burrito, crispy Chicken Tenders and golden Tater Bites. For in between meals, guests can enjoy fresh snacks like soft pretzels and Cheesy Bread Sticks. The new hot food selections are in addition to fresh fruit, gourmet deli sandwiches, yogurt parfaits, and a variety of salads and wraps.

If you're in the mood for a sweet treat, this Thorntons location includes a full bakery case and an ice cream bar. Thorntons receives daily deliveries of fresh items including donuts, pastries, cookies, and more. The ice cream bar offers vanilla soft serve and a variety of toppings including Butterfinger crumbles, M&M's and Oreos.

During the first ten days after opening, Thorntons will be sampling fresh, hot food items right from the kitchen. Guests are encouraged to stop by daily to discover the new variety of foods available.

This store is the first to open in a series of stores in Chicagoland that are focused on making Thorntons a food and beverage destination.

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**About Thorntons Inc.:**

Founded by James Thornton in 1971, the company has been recognized as one of the top independent convenience store chains in the nation. Based in Louisville, Kentucky, Thorntons currently operates 184 stores that provide fresh foods, high quality beverages and fuel in six states: Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio Tennessee and Florida. Thorntons mission is not only to provide top of the line food and beverages, but makes giving back a top priority in every market. Learn more about Thorntons by visiting [www.thorntonsinc.com](http://www.thorntonsinc.com) and follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/thorntonsinc](https://www.facebook.com/thorntonsinc) and Twitter at [www.twitter.com/thorntonsinc](https://www.twitter.com/thorntonsinc).

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