

Boil Water Advisory Guidelines

Retail Food Service Establishment Requirements

****Please note that if you are unable to comply with these guidelines you must cease operations until the boil water advisory has been rescinded. ****

Boiling Method:

Boil water rapidly for 1-3 minutes. *Be sure to allow the water to cool before use.*

Commercially bottled or boiled water MUST be used for the following:

- All beverages such as coffee, tea or fountain drink dispensers.
- All ingredients in any food products.
- Consumable ice such as commercially packaged ice.
- Use a commercial hand sanitizer, bottled water or water that has been boiled 1-3 minutes for hand washing. Be sure boiled water is cooled before use.
- Washing and sanitizing food contact surfaces.
- Washing produce.
- Sanitizing solution for wiping cloths.
- All water used in the 3-compartment sink. Single-serve items and/or disposable utensils are best.

The following can NOT be used during boil water advisories:

- Carbonated fountain drink machines.
- Beverage "gun" dispensers.
- Machines that produce ice.
- Low-temperature/chemical sanitizing dishmachines.
- Self-serve bulk water dispensers

Precautionary measures after boil water advisories have been lifted:

- Flush the buildings water lines and clean faucet screens.
- Flush and sanitize all water-using fixtures and appliances of standing water, such as ice machines, beverage dispensers, hot water heaters, direct water source machines, etc. Replace water filters.
- Run ice machines through one cycle of ice production and discard the ice. Then clean and sanitize the bin.
- Clean and sanitize all fixtures, sinks, and equipment connected to water lines.

A HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE DOES NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT IN THE ESTABLISHMENT FOR THESE GUIDELINES TO TAKE EFFECT. IT IS MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THEY ARE OPERATING IN A SAFE MANNER, TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH, AT ALL TIMES.

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