



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.  
Zanesville-Muskingum County

### **Our Mission**

To use best practices to prevent illness, protect our health, and promote well-being.



### **\* WATER OUTAGES**

### **\* BOIL ADVISORIES**

**\* Food Service Operations \* Retail Food Establishments \* Schools**

An adequate supply of potable water is an essential public health requirement for a food service operation (FSO), retail food establishment (RFE), and a school to continue to remain open in the public's interest.

If there is a discontinuation of potable water as a result of a water outage or a "boil advisory" by the water authority, a FSO, RFE, or school may need to close until a potable water supply is returned. A FSO, RFE, or school needs to contact the health department to see if it may be permitted to remain open if alternate potable water supplies are provided.

Examples of alternative sources of water are:

- Commercially filled water bottles: individual use or bulk containers depending upon need.
- Clean and sanitized igloo type coolers filled with potable water from an alternate location.
- Boil the water, if an option, for two minutes prior to use.

Having to use an alternate water supply during a water outage or boil advisory may seem to be an extreme and expensive requirement; however, the other option is to close the business or school. To remain open the following requirements must be met:

### **Minimum requirements during a water outage or boil advisory**

- Provide safe water for food prep, hand washing, and washing equipment and utensils.
- Provide an approved method for hand washing.
- Provide sufficient water for flushing toilets.

If any of these conditions cannot be met, you must close your facility.

*Information provided on the following pages will help you meet the requirements listed above.*

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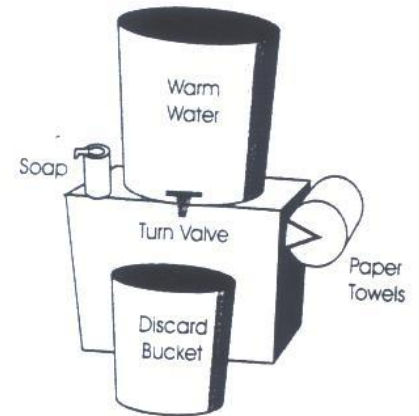
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**HANDWASHING:** Three acceptable methods are:

- Antibacterial towelettes.
- Hand sanitizer removed with a paper towel.
- Igloo type cooler filled with potable water and supplied as illustrated:

\*\*\*Hand washing activities must not be compromised by reducing the number of washings or the length of washing time.



**Equipment Washing and Sanitizing:**

- Water from commercially filled containers, or
- Boil the water, if an option, for two minutes prior to use
- Use disposable trays, plates, cups, utensils, etc. to minimize water demand on alternate supplies.
- Automatic dishwashers may be used for pre-wash only. Equipment must then be washed, rinsed, and sanitized in potable water.

**Drinking Water:**

- Individual, commercially filled water bottles, or
- Clean, sanitized igloo type cooler filled with potable water. It is recommended that the number of coolers provided either equal or exceed the number of drinking fountains in the school.

**Food Preparation:**

- Boil the water prior to use, if this is an option, or
- Water from commercially filled containers.

**Restroom:**

- Provide sufficient water to flush the toilet.
- Provide an approved method for hand washing.

**Ice Machines and Soda Pop Dispensers, and Coffee Makers:**

- Any appliances that are directly plumbed to the water supply will need to be shut down, cleaned, and sanitized prior to use, once potable water is available.

**PUBLIC WATER AUTHORITIES IN MUSKINGUM COUNTY**

Village of Dresden	754-1263	Village of Philo	674-4895
Muskingum County Water	453-0678	Village of Roseville	697-0322 or 697-7310
Village of Frazeyburg	828-2901	Village of South Zanesville	454-0492 or 453-3113
Maysville Water Authority	849-2428	Village of New Concord	826-7671
City of Zanesville	455-0631		

**Water outages do happen and are a fact of life.**

**Planning what to do during an outage or advisory is good business practice.**