# **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that if you are unable to comply with these guidelines you must cease operations until the boil water advisory has been rescinded.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.
- $\square$  All ingredients in any food products.
- ☑ Consumable ice such as commercially packaged ice.
- ☑ Commercial bottled water or tap water that has been boiled 1-3 minutes for hand washing. Be sure boiled water is cooled before use. Hand washing units must provide a temperature of at least 100°F. A temporary hand wash station should be implemented as a substitution for a hand wash sink. **SEE EXAMPLE ATTACHED**
- ☑ 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.
- $\square$  Machines that produce ice.
- Mechanical dish washing machines.
- ✓ Self-serve bulk water dispensers

#### <u>Precautionary measures after boil water advisories have been lifted:</u>

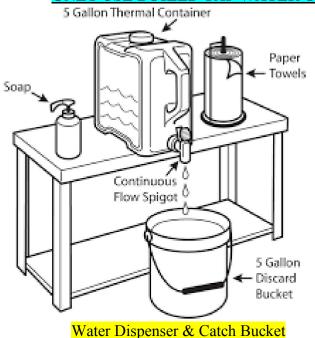
- ☑ Flush the buildings water lines and clean faucet screens.
- ☐ Flush and sanitize all water-using fixtures and appliances of standing water, such as ice machines, beverage dispensers, hot water heaters, direct water source machines, etc. Replace water filters.
- Run ice machines through one cycle 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.

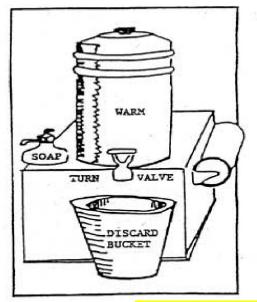
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### TEMPORARY (EMERGENCY) HANDWASHING SET-UPS

#### ONLY USE BOILED TAP WATER OR WARMED BOTTLED WATER





Tea or Coffee Urn &

Catch Bucket

# How to setup a temporary handwash station

## Setup:

- Closed five gallon container with hands free dispensing spigot
- Warm, potable water
- Soap
- · Single-use paper towels
- · Wastewater catch basin



- \* Spigot needs to stay open to allow a constant flow of water for two-hand washing
- \* Container must hold enough water for duration of market day

5-Gallon Cooler with a Spigot & Catch Bucket