

STATE OF *YOUR STATE*  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS

**Minimum Standards for Operation of a Retail Food Establishment  
While Under a Boil Advisory**

General Guidelines

- The owner or operator must request an inspection from *Your State* Department of Health and Hospitals Office of Public Health at 555-851-4444 (State appropriate number), two days before reopening for business. When cleared for re-opening, an official placard will be issued to be posted in a conspicuous location.
- Applicable provisions of the *Your State* Sanitary Code must be followed as usual. *Your State* Sanitary Code can be located at: <http://>\_\_\_\_\_ (State appropriate link)
- Food service menu is limited by the amount of potable water available.

The following requirements must be met before approval to re-open will be granted:

*Potable Water*

Potable Water – for these purposes is defined as follows:

- *Water that is obtained from a watering point approved by the State Health Officer or*
- *Water that has been subjected to treatment approved by the State Health Officer or*
- *Bottled water obtained from an approved source or*
- *Water that has been subjected to a rolling boil for a minimum of two minutes*

In as much as the water from the East Bank water treatment facility is not potable an alternate source of potable water must be brought in (tanker truck, bottled water, etc.) for food preparation, cooking, washing/rinsing/sanitizing of utensils and food contact surfaces, as well as for hand washing.

- The source of the potable water must be identified
- An approved tanker will be issued a dated *DHH Lab 8* form for each tanker of water. A new form is issued for each refill of water. If there is no DHH Lab 8 form available the tanker is not approved.
- Single service utensils (paper/plastic plates, forks, spoons, knives) must be used.
- A gravity-fed, potable water supply, soap and paper towels must be provided for hand washing in the food preparation area and toilet rooms.
- A small food establishment with 3 employees uses about 500 gallons of water a day. A major clean-up effort could use twice as much water.
- If non-potable water is used to flush toilets, the *your state* Department of Health and Hospitals Office of Public Health “Unsafe to Use Water” sign must be posted by faucets that provide non-potable water.