



# Environmental and Consumer Health



## Water Interruption at Food Establishments

**Facilities are encouraged to develop contingency plans to deal with water emergencies, to include an inventory of all food equipment connected to the water distribution system.**

- sufficient supply of potable water is necessary for:
  - hand washing
  - food preparation
  - equipment cleaning and sanitization
  - other food establishment operations

**Note: There may be circumstances where available alternatives are not sufficient to provide acceptable public health protection.**

### **Risk Control Measures**

- 1) temporary ceasing operations, or
- 2) obtaining a temporary supply of potable water in accordance with State and Federal drinking water regulations. Examples of generally acceptable alternatives include, but are not limited to:
  - individual serving size containers of commercially bottled water
  - NSF-approved piping, tubing or hoses connected to an adjacent approved source in accordance with applicable regulations,
  - bulk water containers filled from an approved source,
  - a water/food tank truck filled with water from an approved source, or
  - an approved stationary water tank filled from an approved source.

**An acceptable alternative supply must be from a source approved by the local health department.**