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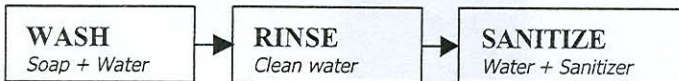
GUIDELINES FOR FOOD HANDLING AT TEMPORARY EVENTS

ITEM 1: Ice used for consumption must be from an approved source. Ice shall be held in bags until used and dispensed properly.

ITEM 2: Food contact surfaces of equipment shall be protected from contamination by consumers by using separating counters, tables, sneeze guards, etc.

ITEM 3: Provide only single-service articles for customer's use.

ITEM 4: Provide potable water for cleaning and sanitizing utensils. Provide a heating facility capable of producing hot water. * Use three (3) containers for **WASHING, RINSING & SANITIZING** e.g. plastic buckets, plastic food containers.



- Use a gravity-type water dispenser for employee hand washing e.g. drink dispenser with a spout or spigot. Do not forget hand washing soap, paper towels and catch basin.
- **Unless suitable utensils are used to handle ready-to-eat foods, single-use gloves are required for all food handlers.** (Section 20-21.8)



ITEM 5: Do not store any food in contact with water / undrained ice.

ITEM 6: Dispose of all liquid and solid waste properly.

ITEM 7: Provide cleanable floors in food preparation and service areas e.g. concrete/ light wood/asphalt

ITEM 8: Provide a ceiling in food preparation and service areas e.g. wood, canvas or other material that protects the interior of the establishment from the weather and other agents.

ITEM 9: Protect food that is served:

*Keep **HOT** foods at 140° F or above and keep **COLD** foods at 41° F or below

*Wear an effective hair restraint e.g. ball cap or hair net. No hair spray or visors will be acceptable.

*Use packaged foods or provide sneeze guards at display area.

*All food, equipment and paper products shall be stored at least 6 inches above the floor.

*No eating, drinking, smoking is allowed in the food booth.

***SERVE FOODS THAT ARE PREPARED / OBTAINED FROM AN APPROVED**