

OPERATING WITHOUT WATER

Code Section: 8-404.11 Ceasing Operations and Reporting

A food service establishment may operate without water during a water shutoff, as long as a Water Emergency Plan has been submitted to and approved by this Department prior to the water emergency event.

Water Emergency Plan Requirements

A Water Emergency Plan shall address how the establishment will operate and provide the following items without water:

- Restroom facilities (for both customers and staff)
- Dishwashing facilities
- Hand washing sinks
- Ice and ice machines
- Drinks and drink machines that utilize water
- Cooking and food preparation
- Cleaning



The Water Emergency plan must also address how the facility will resume full operations after the water is turned back on.

Please also provide emergency contact numbers for any management and owners.

Other Requirements:

- The water shutoff must not exceed six (6) hours.
- A copy of the plan must be kept on site.
- The plan must be reviewed with the Health Department, once a year during an inspection.
- The establishment must notify the Health Department if and when the plan is implemented.

Please note:

The following may result in closure by the Health Department.

- If the establishment is found to be operating without water,
- If the establishment is not following the Water Emergency Plan
- If the plan has not been approved by this Department.



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