Guidelines

Handwashing

1. An accessible and functional hand washing facility with hot water shall be provided within the perimeter of any business involved in the sale of food. If only pre-packaged food products are sold, hand washing facilities are not required.

2. Handwashing facilities shall not be used for the cleaning of equipment, storage of wiping cloths, or the disposal of liquid waste.

3. All food products, cooking equipment, and serving utensils shall be protected from any splash or spillage involved in the washing of hands.

4. Disposable paper towels shall be provided with each handwashing facility and will be properly disposed of after being used.

5. Any of the following set-ups can be used as a handwashing facility:
   - Portable commercial hand sinks that produce water flow within 10 seconds of activating a hand pump or opening a dispensing valve. Soap from a sanitary dispenser shall be provided.
   - Minimum of 2-5 gallons of potable water will be maintained in a container capable of dispensing water through a valve. This valve shall enable a constant flow of water when opened. The waste water shall be collected and disposed of to a sanitary sewer. Soap from a sanitary dispenser shall be provided.

6. An accessible and functioning commercial hand sink will accompany any toilet utilized by food handlers. Soap from a sanitary dispenser and disposable single-use towels shall be provided. The sink shall be used for hand washing only. Handwashing facilities shall be checked regularly for adequate soap, towels, and water.