



Colorado Department
of Public Health
and Environment

GUIDANCE DURING ALAMOSA BOIL WATER ORDER *(Effective 4/3/08)*

Employees, students and children must be free of diarrhea for 24 hours prior to returning to work in a retail food establishment, to school or to day care.

If you are not on City of Alamosa public water supply, you do not need to comply with this guidance.

RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS:

- All water used for retail food establishment activities must be brought to a rolling boil for one minute during this boil order. Do not boil excessively. This includes water for:
 - drinking;
 - food preparation/inclusion in recipes;
 - vegetable and fruit washing;
 - manual utensil and equipment washing, rinsing and sanitizing;
 - wiping cloth solutions
 - making ice
- Handwashing with city tap water and soap is required, followed by use of hand sanitizer (do not touch food with bare hands, use disposable gloves)
- Heat sanitizing warewashing machines will adequately sanitize utensils with the required final rinse temperature of 180°F.
- The use of a chemical sanitizing warewashing machine during a boil order is **not** approved.
- It is recommended that retail food establishments use single-service plates and utensils.
- Do not use pop machines, coffee makers, dispenser “guns” in bar facilities, hot chocolate/cappuccino machines, produce misters and ice machines directly plumbed to the water source.
- Ice machines should be disconnected in order to allow the ice to drain off.

WHOLESALE FOOD MANUFACTURERS: Should follow the guidance listed above for Retail Food Establishments.

MEAT PROCESSING PLANTS: Contact the USDA and/or the Colorado Department of Agriculture

for guidance.

CHILD CARE CENTERS AND SCHOOLS:

- Drinking fountains shall not be used.
- Bottled water must be used to mix infant formula.
- Boiled or bottled water must be used to mix sanitizing solutions for diapering areas and surfaces such as toys and tabletops.
- Due to children's frequent hand-to-mouth contact, water for handwashing in child care centers shall be boiled or bottled for all children. Adult employees can use city tap water and soap followed by use of hand sanitizer.
- Discontinue use of water play tables.
- Use the guidance listed above under Retail Food Establishments for all food preparation and handling.

SWIMMING POOLS HOT TUBS AND SPAS: Pools that are operated properly, including monitoring the pool for adequate disinfection levels, may be allowed to continue operating during a boil order. CDPHE Water Quality Control Division should be contacted for guidance.