

Mobile & Temporary Food Service Water Supply Disinfection and Water Source

In order to provide safe water for all temporary events in NYS, the New York State Department of Health has made the following recommendations regarding water that will be used by food vendors at any NYS event.

Please ensure that your water supply is safe by following these steps:

- 1. Dump old water**
- 2. Disinfect tank and hoses**
- 3. Refill with water from city or other public water supply.
DO NOT USE A PRIVATE WELL! Contact us if you're not sure if a water supply is public or private.**



It is best to dump old water and disinfect before arrival at the event, but systems can also be disinfected on site.



- Empty water supply storage tanks and containers.
- Flush hoses using approved water.
- Add 2 tablespoons of unscented laundry bleach to the tank or water container for each gallon the container holds.
- Fill the tank completely with approved water.
- Flush all taps and hoses until you smell the strong chlorine solution, then allow the solution to remain in contact with the tank for at least 30 minutes.
- Empty all tanks and hoses.
- Refill tanks with approved water.
- Tanks emptied completely will have a small chlorine residual from the disinfectant solution. This is desirable.

We would appreciate your cooperation in complying with these recommendations.

Failure to insure a safe water supply in your mobile unit is grounds for revocation of your food service permit.

Please note: This procedure may be mandatory in the future.