

# Temporary Handwashing Stations

The AHS Food Establishment Policy requires on-site handwashing facilities at special event and trade show food booths. **A temporary handwashing station may be permitted in some circumstances.**

Here is a description of the temporary handwashing station required by each participant, to be set-up in the booth if they are handling unwrapped foods:

- Potable water in a container with a minimum capacity of five (5) gallons or twenty (20) litres is required. The water should be warm, between 30°C - 45°C. The acceptable method for washing hands is in the stream of running water for approximately 20 seconds and not in water that is resting in the catch basin.
- For example, a 5 gallon (20 L) camping jug or coffee urn with a **tap or spigot** that allows a hands-free flow of water, filled with water that is maintained at proper temperature.
- A collection system to catch the wastewater from handwashing. The waste collection system must be equal or greater in capacity than the potable water container.
- Single-use towels and liquid soap in suitable dispensers.



**Handwashing stations must be operational before handling unwrapped food.**

Water shall be disposed of in a toilet or other receptacle connected to a sanitary sewer.  
Do not dump wastewater into storm sewer.

**For more information, please contact your nearest Environmental Public Health office.**

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