

GUIDELINES FOR FOOD PREMISES – WHAT TO DO DURING A DO NOT DRINK WATER ADVISORY

A Do Not Drink Water Advisory is issued when authorities suspect or have confirmed the presence of unacceptable levels of chemical contaminants in the drinking water supply that can pose health risks if ingested. During a Do Not Drink Water Advisory, tap water cannot be consumed or used for food preparation. Boiling the water will NOT render it safe, as it will NOT remove the chemical contaminants.



During a Do Not Drink Water Advisory:

Use an alternate source of safe drinking water (e.g. commercially bottled water) for:

- Drinking
- Cooking
- Rinsing and washing fruits and vegetables
- Use in any food preparation, such as juices, jellios, etc.
- Washing dishes, cutting boards and countertops
- Preparing ice or ice cubes
- Handwashing

DO NOT USE:

- Ice machines
- Beverage and coffee machines connected to tap water
- Dishwashers connected to tap water

YOU CAN USE:

- Bottled and canned beverages and drinks

You will be advised when the Do Not Drink Water Advisory is lifted.

BEFORE USING THE WATER, YOU WILL NEED TO:

- Flush the building water lines to ensure they contain safe water
- Flush, clean and sanitize water lines on equipment such as beverage, coffee and ice machines



Contact the EOHU for more information about what precautions to take for different kinds of contaminants.