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Health Protection in Restaurants & Retail Eating Establishments

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Feature Article

FLOODING & FOOD SAFETY

After recent flood events, food safety issues have become a common topic at the health department. Apply the following food safety tips:

FOOD

- Destroy/discard refrigerated and frozen foods such as meat, poultry, shell eggs/egg products, milk-**when in doubt, throw it out!**
- Discard food products packaged in plastic, paper, cloth, cardboard, or any type of permeable material.
- Discard foods/drinks stored in glass, or plastic containers with screw caps, snap-lids, twist-caps, flip tops, press caps, pull-rings/crimped caps (pop-type cans), snap open or containers with similar type closures.
- Discard severely damaged canned products: damage meaning crushed/dented, leaking, swelling, rusting, and cans with holes/punctures.
- Commercially prepared foods packaged in pouches, or all-metal cans and are undamaged can be saved if labels are removed, thoroughly washed, rinsed and sanitized and re-labeled with contents and expiration date.
- Discard produce from home gardens (if used) that may have come in contact with floodwaters.

**Dispose of contaminated/condemned food items in a manner that ensures products cannot be salvaged for human consumption

FOOD EQUIPMENT

- Some kitchen appliances may not be cleanable/salvageable depending on construction of appliance (stoves, ovens, ice machine, coolers, freezer, etc.). Call the manufacturer to determine cleaning/discard protocol. If cleanable, an authorized service representative should inspect appliances prior to use.
- Run empty dishwasher three times to flush water lines and clean/sanitize internally prior to use (contact manufacturer to verify cleaning/sanitizing instructions).
- Thoroughly wash, rinse and sanitize all food equipment (sinks, metal pots/pans, utensils, dishware) and non-food contact surfaces (shelves, counters, cabinets).
- Verify equipment used for food preparation (cooking, cooling, reheating) is functioning properly prior to use.

**Food establishments that have to close due to emergency events should contact the Rock County Health Department prior to re-opening.

Recommended Resource

www.foodsafety.gov You'll find news and information important to your establishment on this government website.



Quote of the Quarter

"No one is eating less, no one is drinking less. Since they (the customer) are paying more for everything, if they're coming out to eat they want it perfect." *Carrie Levin, owner of Good Enough to Eat, New York City*

<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/06/04/nyregion/04prices>

Questions from the Field

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Operating Permits

1. When does my operating permit expire?

All operating permits issued by Rock County Health Department expire on June 30th.

2. When are renewals sent out for my operating permit?

Renewals are sent out from our office around the first week of May.

3. When must renewals be paid by?

All renewals for operating permits from Rock County Health Department must be received at our office on or before June 30th.

4. How can I pay my for my operating permit?

Operating permits can be paid for in two ways, either by cash or by check. Cash can be brought into our North Office that is located at 3328 N. U.S. Hwy. 51, Janesville, WI. Checks can be mailed to Rock County Health Department, P.O. Box 1143, Janesville, WI 53547-1143.

5. Is there a late fee?

Payments for renewals received in person or post marked after June 30th will be assessed a \$75.00 late fee.

6. Can a facility be closed for non-payment?

According to Rock County Public Ordinance, a facility holding an operating permit must discontinue operation if payment for an operating permit has not been received by end of business day on July 15th.

7. Does my operating permit transfer from person to person?

Operating permits do not transfer from person to person.

8. Does my operating permit transfer from facility to facility?

Operating permits do not transfer from one facility to another.

9. Where should I post my operating permit when I receive it?

Operating permits must be posted in a location with in your facility where it can be clearly seen by customers.



Food Safety Advisory Team Members

The Food Safety Advisory Team members meet quarterly. They address issues and concerns pertaining to food safety with health department staff. Members include:

Joe Wollinger, Blackhawk Technical College
 Dawn Smith, Aramark, Serving Beloit Schools
 Mark Otis, Milwaukee Grill
 Rob Terry, Daniel's Sentry
 Mike Sheehy, Café Merci, Mercy Hospital
 Bryan Mallon, Culvers
 Teri Huber, Cinnamon Teri's/Janesville Farmer's Market
 Rane Goodroad, Rock Co. Council on Aging Senior Nutrition Coordinator
 Bette Synstegard, Beloit League of Women Voters
 John Metter, Beloit Liquor Commission/Community Member

For more information, please contact the health department at 757-5441.

Eating Establishments With No Critical Violations (3/1/2008 – 6/30/2008)

The 615 Club	Beloit
708 Club	Janesville
A Catered Affair Roasting #1	Janesville
A Taste of Heaven	Beloit
Annie's Soda Shop Cafe	Clinton
Applebee's Neighborhood	Beloit
Bad Brad's Wing & A Prayer	Janesville
Bass Creek Golf Club	Janesville
Beloit Citgo	Beloit
Benedetti's	Beloit
Bethel Baptist Church	Janesville
Big Ten Concessions	Janesville
Benedetti's	Beloit
Brat Mobile	Beloit
Café Belwah	Beloit
Carl's Shell	Edgerton
Cartunes Grill & Bar	Beloit
Cellar	Edgerton
Charlies Place	Janesville
Chinatown Buffett	Janesville
Cinnamon Teri's	Janesville
The Club	Beloit
Comfort Inn	Edgerton
Country Lane Bakery	Brodhead
Country Sally's	Whitewater
County Line Beverage	Brodhead
Deli Dog House	Janesville
Diamond Jim's & the Isabella Queen	Beloit
Dick's Tackle & Bait Shop	Beloit
Ding A Ling Supper Club	Hanover
Dollar General Store #10069	Beloit
Edgerton Teen Center	Edgerton
El Charrito	Janesville
Elks Club	Janesville
Frostie Freeze West	Janesville
Fulton Store	Edgerton
Georgio's	Milton
Glen Erin Golf Course	Janesville
Hackbarth Hills	Janesville
Halal	Beloit
Hanson's Hollow	Janesville
Helgesen's Harpos on Eleven	Janesville
Hibachi & Sushi	Janesville
Janesville American Legion	Janesville
Janesville Food Shop, Inc.	Janesville
Janesville Masonic Center	Janesville
Jumbo's Pub	Janesville
K-Mart #4255	Janesville
Kandu Industries	Janesville
Kentucky Fried Chicken	Beloit

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Kud's Bar & Grill, Inc.	Janesville
Lab Safety Supply Café	Janesville
Lakeview Lodge	Milton
Liberty Food & Liquor	Beloit
McDonalds #5282	Beloit
McDonalds #7487	Janesville
Meal Magic	Janesville
Metro Market	Janesville
The Metro Mark & Deli	Janesville
Mt. Zion United Methodist	Janesville
My Apartment Pub & Grill	Janesville
Panda Express	Janesville
Paul Revere's Pizza	Edgerton
Peking Chinese Restaurant	Janesville
Pitchers Mound	Beloit
Ponderosa Steak House #401	Janesville
Prime Time Pizza	Janesville
Red Baron	Edgerton
Red Robin America's Gourmet Burgers & Spirits	Janesville
Road Dawg Family Restaurant	Beloit
Rock'N Rogers North	Clinton
Rocky's Super Market	Beloit
Salvadors	Beloit
Sam's Pizza & Restaurant	Janesville
Scoops Ice Cream Parlor	Clinton
Scottie's Genuine Broaster Chicken	Beloit
Shady Nook	Janesville
Shirley's Country Fixins	Beloit
Shopko #030	Janesville
Sizzlin Grill	Janesville
Slantrax Video, Inc.	Janesville
Smokehouse Antiques	Clinton
Snuffy's Still	Milton
St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church	Janesville
St. Patrick Parish	Janesville
St. William Catholic	Janesville
Steaming Bean Coffee	Edgerton
Subway #38318 (Deerfield Dr)	Janesville
Taco Gonzalez	Beloit
Taco John's	Edgerton
That Chicken and Rib Place	Janesville
Three B's Tap	Janesville
Treps Bait & Tackle	Edgerton
Union Hall	Janesville
Vera's Groceries	Beloit
Villa Pizza & Family Restaurant	Orfordville
Village Inn	Janesville
Walgreen's #04055	Janesville
Walgreen's #3458	Janesville
Wally's Eastside Citgo	Janesville
Watering Hole	Janesville
Weirdo's	Janesville
The Wolf's Den	Janesville

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