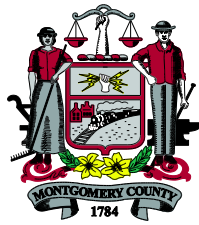


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Re: If a Boil Water Advisory (BWA) has been issued:

Food Facilities **in the affected area** must:

- Immediately close unless facility has a preapproved alternative source of water under pressure (i.e. licensed potable drinking water tanker truck connected to main water supply)
- **Contact the Office of Public Health for approval of the alternative water sources.**

Retail food facilities may remain open to sell **ONLY** prepackaged items.

Facility is instructed to do the following:

- Discontinue use of post-mix carbonated beverage machine, auto-fill coffee maker, and instant hot water heater. Remove filters.
- Discard existing ice made after the advisory; clean, and sanitize ice bins.
- Discard any ready-to-eat food prepared with water prior to the advisory.
- Discontinue use of spray misting units (grocery store produce, seafood, meat cases) and discard any foods exposed to misters after the advisory was issued or any that may have been exposed to contaminated water prior to the advisory.
- Provide hand sanitizer for use at all hand sinks (if remaining open with approved alternative source of water).

After the boil water advisory is lifted:

- Facility must follow all water department requirements for flushing lines, or as general guidance, run cold water faucets for at least 5 minutes.
- Thoroughly clean and sanitize all food contact surfaces, including ice machines.
- Equipment with waterline connections (soda machines, coffee machines, spray misters, ice machines, glass washers, dishwashers) must be flushed, cleaned, and sanitized in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
- Remove and replace any water filters.
- Run water softeners through a regeneration cycle.
- Flush drinking fountains for 5 minutes.

This information is available on our website and via email, fax, or in person.

Facility may reopen once the Boil Water Advisory has been lifted and all above procedures have been followed and/or all instructions from the water authority.

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