



**ADVISORY FOR FOOD SERVICE OPERATIONS  
&  
RETAIL FOOD OPERATIONS**

**In order for your Food Operation to continue to operate,  
the following requirements must be met:**

1. Ensure that water used for consumption and food preparation, including fountain drinks, juices, coffee, and tea is from a *potable*, safe source. *Potable water* is safe water such as commercially bottled water. If your coffeemaker, ice cream dipper well, or fountain drink system is directly connected to the city water supply, it cannot be used while the do not drink order is in effect.
2. Ice from the icemaker cannot be used. All ice in the icemaker must be discarded and the icemaker must be cleaned and sanitized. Ice must be obtained from another supplier. Before restarting the icemaker all the water filters on the system must be replaced. While under a do not drink order, ice must be provided by an approved source.
3. Post signage at all handsinks. Signs should indicate that this facility is currently affected by a do not drink order. When posting signs, include employee and public restrooms.
4. Do not use dishmachines. Hot water and chemical sanitizer are not adequate to kill parasites and bacteria if the water is contaminated. Fill the three compartment sinks with boiled potable water. If you do not have a three-compartment sink you must close until the do not drink order is lifted.
5. Limit your menu and when possible, provide disposable plates, silverware, and cups to decrease the amount of dishes to be washed.
6. A plan must be submitted to the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department for prior approval to operate. If your plans call for a commercial water treatment system, it must be EPA and State Certified.
7. You are strongly encouraged to contact your local health inspector if your facility becomes affected by a do not drink order. Your inspector will be able to help make sure all of necessary steps are in place to operate a food facility under a do not drink order.

If you have any questions regarding safe procedures to follow, please call 419.213.4100 option 3.