

Temporary Handwashing Stations

Alberta Health Services 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 for each participant, to be set-up in the booth if handling unwrapped foods:

1. 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.

An example would be a 5 gallon (20L) camping jug or coffee urn with a **tap or spigot** that allows a hands-free flow of water and filled with water that is maintained at proper temperature.

2. 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.
3. 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 the storm sewer.

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

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