



# BUNCOMBE COUNTY

## HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

### Inclement Weather Plan of Action

The Buncombe County Environmental Health Department (BCEH), will be available to assist all food vendors if inclement weather impacts your operations. If there is a disruption of utilities during a weather related event- you are required to contact BCEH at (828) 250-5016. If you experience a loss of power, loss of water, loss of water pressure, and/or flooding, your establishment will require an inspection prior to resuming food preparation.

<p><b>Power Outage-Notify Department</b></p> <p>*BCEH will be checking logs prior to re-opening any vendors. If logs are not kept, the food will be discarded depending on the duration of the power outage and the temperature of the food.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Record the temperature and time of the first reported outage.</li><li>• Record the temperature and time when the power is restored.</li><li>• All food products must be stored at or below 45°F. If food products rise above 45°F, contact BCEH immediately for guidance.</li></ul>
<p><b>Water Outage/Connection-Notify Department</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All establishments must suspend food preparation and food service in the event of a water outage.</li><li>• Notify the department if a boil water advisory or notice is issued, or there is a loss of pressure where handwashing and/or utensil washing cannot occur.</li><li>• Do not use water if connections are submerged under water</li></ul>
<p><b>Flooding</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All flooded food, including sealed and open packages, boxes, cans, produce and fresh meats must be discarded to avoid food-borne illness or injury.</li><li>• Thoroughly clean and sanitize all salvageable equipment. Use a detergent and a sanitizing solution made with one tablespoon of regular, non-scented bleach in a gallon of water.</li></ul>
<p><b>Additional Notes</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If food products are directly contaminated with rainwater or other environmental contaminants, they must be discarded.</li><li>• All items that come in contact with food and are left out in the elements must be properly washed, rinsed, and sanitized prior to being used.</li><li>• Single service or single use items that are contaminated by rain water or other environmental contaminants must be discarded.</li></ul>

We can be reached by phone or email at (828) 250-5016 (Press 1 for service desk) or by email at [EHRequest@buncombecounty.org](mailto:EHRequest@buncombecounty.org). Our web address is [www.buncombecounty.org/health](http://www.buncombecounty.org/health).