



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.

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| <p>Power Outage-Notify Department</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">• Record the temperature and time of the first reported outage.• Record the temperature and time when the power is restored.• All food products must be stored at or below 45°F. If food products rise above 45°F, contact BCEH immediately for guidance. |
| <p>Water Outage/Connection-Notify Department</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All establishments must suspend food preparation and food service in the event of a water outage.• 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.• Do not use water if connections are submerged under water |
| <p>Flooding</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All flooded food, including sealed and open packages, boxes, cans, produce and fresh meats must be discarded to avoid food-borne illness or injury.• 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. |
| <p>Additional Notes</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If food products are directly contaminated with rainwater or other environmental contaminants, they must be discarded.• 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.• Single service or single use items that are contaminated by rain water or other environmental contaminants must be discarded. |

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