



Oh no! There's E-coli in my  
water.

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- Samples show the city water supply is contaminated with e-coli.
- Restaurants, Schools, Retail Food Stores and others are ordered not to use the water unless it is boiled first.

# When? How? What?

- When was the water contaminated?
- How was it contaminated?
- What Should I do?
- When will this end?

# What can E-coli do?

- Get you sick by:
  - Direct ingestion of the water
  - Indirectly through food contamination
  - Indirectly through contamination of equipment

# Safe Water Options

- Water used for drinking, food prep, and diluting cleaning solutions that are used on food contact surfaces must be:
  - Commercially bottled water;
  - From a potable water tank truck with water from an approved public water supply and with at least a free chlorine residual of 0.5 ppm; or
  - From building faucets; only if the water is boiled at least one minute, and then allowed to cool, before being used.

# What can you do?

- Bring potable water in.
- Treat the water – Method must be approved by the health department.
  - Be careful, be right (Liability)
- Boil the water.
  - Will eliminate the hazard (E-coli)
  - Only method accepted by the health department.

# Protecting yourself

- What can I do:
  - Remove or test possibly contaminated foods.
  - Check for illnesses at the local medical providers.
  - Design procedures for the use of clean (Boiled) water.
  - Clean water storage methods.
  - Close establishment until clean water is restored.

# Designing a plan

- Ice, Ice machines, & Ice bins
- Beverages
- Fruits, veggies, and other foods
- Thawing
- Washing hands (Gloves/hand sanitizers)
- Washing equipment/utensils/food contact surfaces
- Water softeners

# Designing the plan

- Before it happens
  - Who is responsible to execute the plan?
- During the event
  - Commitment and working together.
- After the “Boil order” is lifted
  - Clean and sanitize:
    - Fixtures, sinks, and equipment connected to the water supply
    - Disinfect water softeners
    - Disinfect water filters
    - Replace carbon filters

# Let's work together to design a plan

- Groups
  - Equipment
  - Ice, Beverages
  - Special hand care, use of pre-washed RTE foods, Thawing
  - Before planning
  - During planning
  - After Planning