

IMMINENT HEALTH HAZARDS

Ceasing Operations and Reporting

The following conditions are considered an imminent health hazard and may require cessation of operations at a food establishment.

- Emergency such as a fire or flood
- Extended interruption of electrical or water service
- Sewage backup
- Misuse of poisonous or toxic materials
- Gross insanitary conditions (pest infestations, etc.)
- Any circumstance that may endanger public health (foodborne illness outbreak, etc.)



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If the above conditions exist, food establishments are required to immediately notify the Department of Environmental Health at (928) 524-4750 or (928) 532-6050.

Corrective Actions

If an imminent health hazard exists, the following corrective actions may be required:

- Closing of the establishment or an area effected by fire, flood, sewage, or pest infestation.
- Disposal of any food or beverage that may have been contaminated by fire, flood, sewage, pest infestation, or other gross insanitary condition.
- Disposal of any food that may have been subject to time-temperature abuse as a result of an interruption in electrical service.
- Disposal of any poisonous or toxic substance in accordance with manufacturers instructions.
- Documentation of treatment by a licensed pest control operator.
- Exclusion of any employees with symptoms and or diagnosis of a reportable foodborne illness.
- Supervised cleanup and inspection by the Department of Environmental Health for any gross insanitary condition or foodborne illness outbreak.

