



Title: Dump Sinks in Food Establishments	Page 1 of 2
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A. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide food establishment operators in Kitsap County with a dump sink policy. This policy will be most applicable to food establishments that serve alcohol or espresso drinks. Due to the nature of these types of businesses, waste from drinks, or from the process of making drinks, is common. The regulations that govern food establishments restrict the activities that may occur in designated sinks. For instance, only handwashing may occur in designated handwashing sinks.

B. Policy Statement

It is the policy of the Kitsap Public Health District (Health District) to minimize the public’s exposure to illness by ensuring leftovers from a previously served drink (such as ice and drink garnishes) and utensils are handled in a sanitary manner and by ensuring local ordinance and state law requirements are being met.

C. Definitions

For the purposes of administration and enforcement of this policy and procedure, the following definitions shall apply in addition to those found in Chapter 246-215 Washington Administrative Code (Food Code) and Kitsap Public Health Board Ordinance 2022-02 (Ordinance).

1. **Dump sink:** A designated sink used for disposing of waste from a previously served drink or from the process of making a drink.
2. **Mop sink:** See “service sink.”
3. **Owner:** The Food Service Establishment Permit holder.
4. **Service sink:** A sink or curbed cleaning facility equipped with a floor drain for the cleaning of mops or similar wet floor cleaning tools and used for the disposal of mop water and similar liquid waste. Examples of similar liquid waste include spent sanitizer solution or clean-up from a vomitus or diarrheal incident. Toilets and urinals cannot be used in place of a service sink.
5. **Utility sink:** See “service sink.”

D. Policy

1. Newly constructed food establishments shall install a dedicated dump sink in the area(s) where drinks are prepared or served, if applicable. The number and location of the sink(s) will be at the discretion of the Health District.
2. After a change of ownership of a food establishment, the new owner shall strive to install a dump sink, if applicable, in the area(s) where drinks are prepared or served. If a three-compartment warewashing sink is easily accessible near the drink preparation or service areas, the wash compartment of the three-compartment sink may be used as a dump sink substitute.
3. In the event that a dump sink cannot fit in an existing establishment, or if the plumbing configuration does not accommodate the additional sink and it is a hardship to modify the plumbing, the Health District may allow the operator to utilize a bucket system or a similar alternative.
 - a. The bucket system includes a bucket to collect the waste material and a lid for transport. The system may include other components at the discretion of the Health District to maximize sanitation.
 - b. The bucket shall be large enough for the operation to prevent overflow, or the bucket must be emptied at an adequate frequency to prevent overflow.
 - c. The contents of the bucket must be disposed of in a designated service sink.
 - d. The contents must be disposed of at least once per day unless otherwise approved by the Health District.
 - e. A written procedure approved by the Health District should be on site at the establishment and available for inspection upon request. The procedure should include employee training on the system and procedure.
 - f. The Health District may take progressive enforcement actions if violations pertaining to this policy are observed, including, but not limited to, the requirement to install a dump sink regardless of the preceding conditions leading to a lack of one, written violations, office conferences, administrative hearings, and suspension or revocation of the Food Service Establishment Permit.

E. References

- Kitsap Public Health Board Ordinance 2022-02, *Food Service Regulations*
- Chapter 246-215 Washington Administrative Code, *Washington State Retail Food Code*
- Food & Living Environment Policy 2022-02, *Food Establishment Change of Ownership*

F. Policy Review History

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