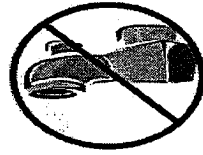


Water/Electric Outage



What to do when there is no running water at your food establishment:

- Close your establishment immediately.
- Call your local Health Department at **(203) 385-4090**.
- Cease all food preparation until water is restored.

Once running water is restored:

- Run tap water for **5-10** minute or until clear.
- Call Police Dispatch at **(203) 385-4100** and they will contact the inspectors.
- Once a staff member from Stratford Health Department arrives and verifies water service, you will be allowed to reopen.



What to do when electricity is interrupted at your food establishment:

- Close the establishment and call Stratford Health Department at **(203) 385-4090**.
- Keep the refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible to maintain the cold temperature.
- The refrigerator will keep food cold for about four hours if it is not opened. A full freezer will keep the temperature for approximately 48 hours if the door remains closed and 24 hours, if it is half full.

Once power is restored:

- All refrigerated food **MUST** be evaluated by Stratford Health Department before used to ensure that it is at the proper temperature.
- Internal temperature of food should be 45° F /or cooler.
- **When in doubt, throw it out!**
- Contact Police Dispatch at (203) 385- 4100. They will contact the inspectors.
- Once the Stratford Health Department staff arrives and verifies electricity was restored and food and temperatures are in compliance, you will be allowed to reopen.
- Stratford Health Department may assist you with any documentation for your insurance company.