

Physical Facility Damage and Sewage Backup Checklist

Disposal

The facility must dispose of the following, as applicable:

- Food impacted by damage or exposed to sewage backup
- Single-service or single-use items impacted by damage or exposed to sewage backup
- Food or single-service or single-use items with physical or water damage, including dented or rusty cans
- Uniforms or linens exposed to sewage backup
- Damaged, irreparable equipment

Cleaning and Sanitizing

The facility must clean and sanitize* the following, as applicable:

- All non-single-service equipment and utensils
- All exposed surfaces (tables, shelving, floors, walls)
- Complex equipment, according to special requirements (pop and ice machines, coolers)

During a sewage backup, the facility should take the following steps:

- Remove excess water from the property
- Pump excess sewage back into the sewage lateral or a vacuum truck for removal
- Do not pump sewage outside or into catch basins in the street

*Note that during a sewage backup, disinfectants used during vomiting and diarrheal events would be suitable (e.g. a chlorine solution at 1000-5000 ppm / 5- 25 tablespoons of household bleach per gallon of water).

Repair or Replacement

- The facility must repair or replace facility infrastructure and all damaged equipment prior to use.
- Wall coverings or insulation susceptible to mold impacted by damage or exposed to sewage backup should be replaced.

Additional Impacts

The facility should consider additional impacts resulting from physical damage or sewage backup. Other licensed inspectors (e.g. building, electrical, gas) may be required to inspect and determine safety.

- Verify required equipment is in working order (refrigerators, freezers)
- Verify utilities are in working order
- Verify the facility is safe for food production or storage
- Verify the facility provides properly working toilets in an unaffected area while operational

Remember: When in doubt, throw it out.

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