



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SECTION**

EHS Circular Letter #2011-64

To: Local Directors of Health
Certified Food Inspectors

From: Food Protection Program

Date: October 31, 2011

Subject: Emergency Procedure Reminder for Food Service Establishments Impacted by Storm Alfred

In the aftermath of Storm Alfred, the Food Protection Program (FPP) provides the following as a reminder to local health departments that may need to respond to impacted food service establishments:

- Please refer to Circular Letter #s 2011-49 and 51 (attached) that were sent earlier this year in preparation for Hurricane Irene for specific guidance regarding storm related emergencies.
- Additional guidance for addressing food establishment storm related issues (and other emergencies) can be found in the guidance documents and handbooks previously provided to all certified food inspectors and local health departments by the FPP (also referenced in the Circular Letters noted above).
- Guidance documents related to water potability issues can be found at www.ct.gov/dph/boilwater. NOTE: boiling water is **NOT** an acceptable alternate interim measure for food service establishments. The documents on the DPH website provide both detailed and summary guidance and a table with specific measures for many of the pieces of equipment used in food service establishments.
- Local health departments have established procedures within their Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (formerly Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security) regions to request additional resources. Established protocol is to make a formal request for assistance from their ESF8 Regional Chair. Those local health departments who can provide staff to those departments in need are also advised to notify their respective ESF8 Regional Chairs of their availability.
- If local health departments are unable to obtain additional resources through their ESF8 Regional Chair, they should contact the Department of Public Health Office of Local Health Administration at 860-509-7660.
- Food and water related Questions regarding food service establishments impacted by Storm Alfred should be directed to the Department of Public Health Food Protection Program at 860-509-7297.

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