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PROGRAM:	RETAIL FOOD
EFFECTIVE REGULATION:	<i>Colorado Retail Food Establishment Rules and Regulations, July 1, 2013</i>
INTERPRETIVE MEMO NO.:	15-02
DATE:	May 4, 2015
SUBJECT:	Determining Approval for Multi-Use Sinks

There have been several inquiries about the use of a sink for multiple purposes typically found in coffee bars. Such sinks are commonly referred to as a multi-use sink. It contains multiple water fixtures that are installed at one sink to provide drinking water to rinse in-use utensils and obtain hot and cold water for beverages.

The use of multi-use sinks has been reviewed and evaluated by the Department for conformance with the *Colorado Retail Food Establishment Rules and Regulations*. Based on this evaluation, the multi-use sink is in compliance with the rules and regulations, when the sink is used only for the following three purposes:

- Rinsing in-use utensils such as blender pitchers, milk pitchers, spoons, etc.
- Dispose of unused left-over beverages, such as coffee, tea, milk products, sodas and juice
- Obtaining hot and cold water for the preparation of beverages

The multi-use sink is not approved to be used for the following purposes:

- Dispose of left-over customer and/or employee beverages
- Hand-washing
- Rinsing of personal beverage containers

This letter may be used as official documentation regarding the evaluation and approval of multi-use sinks.

25-4-1601 C.R.S. provides CDPHE’s authority for the uniform statewide administration, implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of *The Colorado Retail Food Establishment Rules and Regulations*. This interpretive memo is issued in accordance with this authority and CDPHE expects its contents to be implemented uniformly.

All previous interpretive memoranda issued pertaining to this subject are hereby superseded as of the effective date above.

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