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WAC 246-215-03333 Preventing contamination from equipment, utensils, and linens—In-use utensils, between-use storage (2009 FDA Food Code 3-304.12). During pauses in FOOD preparation or dispensing, FOOD preparation and dispensing UTENSILS must be stored:

(1) Except as specified under subsection (2) of this section, in the FOOD with their handles above the top of FOOD and the container;

(2) In FOOD that is not POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS with their handles above the top of the FOOD within containers or EQUIPMENT that can be closed, such as bins of sugar, flour, or cinnamon;

(3) On a clean portion of the FOOD preparation table or cooking EQUIPMENT only if the in-use UTENSIL and the FOOD-CONTACT SURFACE of the FOOD preparation table or cooking EQUIPMENT are cleaned and SANITIZED at a frequency specified under WAC 246-215-04605 and 246-215-04705;

(4) In running water of sufficient velocity to flush particulates to the drain, if used with moist FOOD such as ice cream or mashed potatoes;

(5) In a clean, protected location if the utensils, such as ice scoops, are used only with a FOOD that is not POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS FOOD; or

(6) In a container of water maintained at a temperature of 135°F (57°C) or greater or 41°F (5°C) or less and the container is cleaned at a frequency specified under WAC 246-215-04605 (4) (g).

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