



Portable Handwashing Sink Guidelines

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- Portable handwashing sinks are acceptable to use when plumbed sinks are not available.
- Portable handwashing sinks are to be used for handwashing only. The water is not safe to drink. No food preparation, toothbrushing, washing dishes or bottles, or bottle preparation are to be done at the portable sink.
- Child care providers should consult with their local health department regarding approved portable sinks before purchasing. Sinks must be NFS (National Sanitation Foundation) Certified.
- Follow manufacturer's guidelines regarding use, maintenance, cleaning, and sanitation.
- Handwashing information is available at www.ndchildcare.org. Refer to website document titled, "Important Concepts About Handwashing" found under Providers/Health & Safety/Healthy Practices & Disease Prevention/Handwashing.
- Consult with your local child care health consultant with questions.